

JAPS RENEW ATTACK. NEW HONORS FOR DICK.

BOMBARDMENT OF PORT ARTHUR

Renewed by the Japs.

Stories of Their Repulse Yesterday
Were Greatly Exaggerated.

Vessels That Went to Bottom

Were Worthless Old Transport Hulks With
Which the Japanese Hoped to Blockade
the Mouth of Harbor--Other
Russian Stories Denied.

ST. PETERSBURG, FEB. 25.—6 P. M.—RUMORS ARE IN CIRCULATION HERE THIS AFTERNOON TO THE EFFECT THAT A BOMBARDMENT OF PORT ARTHUR IS NOW GOING ON.

6:32 P. M.—MAJOR GENERAL PETUG (THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF VICEROY ALEXIEFF), TELEGRAPHED AS FOLLOWS UNDER TODAY'S DATE:

"THE ENEMY AGAIN ATTACKED PORT ARTHUR FROM ONE TO THREE A. M. and WAS EVERYWHERE REPULSED."

LONDON, FEB. 25.—6:05 P. M.—THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL DESPATCH SAYING NOT ONE OF THE JAPANESE TORPEDO BOATS WAS INJURED IN THE ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR OF YESTERDAY, FEB. 24.

ST. PETERSBURG, FEB. 25.—1:45 P. M.—NO FURTHER DETAILS WERE AVAILABLE THIS MORNING OF THE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT OF THE JAPANESE TO BOTTLE UP THE RUSSIAN FLEET AT PORT ARTHUR BY SINKING OR MERCHANDISE AT THE MOUTH OF THE HARBOR. THE BRIEF DETAILS CONTAINED IN THE OFFICIAL DISPATCH INDICATE THAT THE COUP WAS PLANNED, ACCORDING TO THE USUAL JAPANESE TACTICS, TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE NIGHT, THAT IT WAS DESPERATELY PUSHED AND BACKED BY EIGHT TORPEDO BOATS WHICH CONTINUED FIGHTING UNTIL DAYLIGHT BUT THAT IT FAILED COMPLETELY.

GREAT PRAISE IS GIVEN TO THE RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP RETVIZAN WHICH LAY OUTSIDE THE HARBOR ENTRANCE FOR HER GALLANT WORK IN BEATING OFF THE ENEMY. HER PART IN THE ACTION SHOWS THAT THE REPORTS OF THE INJURIES WHICH SHE IS SAID TO HAVE SUSTAINED IN THE ATTACK OF FEBRUARY 8TH WERE GROSSLY EXAGGERATED. THE OFFICIAL DISPATCHES DO NOT MAKE CLEAR THE EXACT NUMBER OF SHIPS SENT IN FOR THE PURPOSE OF BLOCKING THE THROAT OF THE HARBOR, OR WHETHER THE FOUR VESSELS DESTROYED WERE BEACHED BY FIRE FROM THE SHORE BATTERIES OR BY THE FIRE FROM THE RETVIZAN. CONSEQUENTLY ALL THE UNKNOWN ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE EXPECTED FROM VICEROY ALEXIEFF IN THE COURSE OF THE DAY. AS HE IS AT MUKDEN THE REPORT OF THE COMMANDER AT PORT ARTHUR FIRST GOES TO HIM AND THENCE IS FORWARDED TO THE CAZAR. THE REPORT THAT AFTER DAYLIGHT FLOATING TORPEDOES WERE SEEN IN THE ROADSTEAD CAUSED ANXIETY.

ACCORDING TO THE LATEST ADVICES THE JAPANESE FLEET YESTERDAY WAS STILL VISIBLE ON THE HORIZON.

THE NEWS OF THE JAPANESE

REPULSE WAS RECEIVED HERE WITH GREAT REJOICING AND WAS LOOKED UPON AS PARTIALLY WIPING OUT THE SCORE AGAINST THE ENEMY.

THE OFFICIAL BULLETINS WERE GIVEN OUT TOO LATE FOR EDITORIAL COMMENT. BUT THE NEWS OF THE INITIAL SUCCESS OF THE RUSSIAN ARMS WAS PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED. NOT ONE OF THE NEWSPAPERS HERE HAS YET RECEIVED SPECIAL DISPATCHES GIVING NEWS OF THE JAPANESE REPULSE.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF THE JAPANESE ATTEMPT TO CLOSE THE ENTRANCE OF THE HARBOR OF PORT ARTHUR HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM MOST AUTHORITY. THESE SAY THAT THE JAPANESE SENT FIVE OR SIX OLD TRANSPORT HULKS CONVOYED BY TORPEDO BOATS TO PORT ARTHUR. WITH THE EVIDENT PURPOSE OF SINKING THE HULKS AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE HARBOR. THE BATTLESHIP RETVIZAN DISCOVERED THEIR APPROACH AND OPEN FIRE ON THEM WAS STRONGLY SUSTAINED BY THAT OF THE SHORE BATTERY NORTH OF PORT ARTHUR. THE REPORT ADDED THAT TWO JAPANESE SHIPS WERE WRECKED AND LIE IN TIGER BAY. THAT ALONG THE SHORE ANOTHER JAPANESE SHIP WAS BURNED, AND THAT A FOURTH WAS WRECKED ON SHORE OUTSIDE TIGER BAY. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THERE ARE NOT WARSHIPS BUT HULKS DESTINED TO BE SUNK AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE HARBOR. THE WRECKERS ARE SAID TO BE AT CONSIDERABLE DISTANCES FROM THE HARBOR ENTRANCE WHICH REMAINS OPEN. THIS REPORT GIVES NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE JAPANESE FLEET WHICH IS SAID TO HAVE SUPPORTED THE OPERATIONS AGAINST PORT ARTHUR.

NEW YORK, FEB. 25.—DURING THE ENGAGEMENT OF TUESDAY NIGHT AT PORT ARTHUR, SAYS A HERALD DESPATCH FROM CHIEF FOX, THE JAPANESE ATTEMPTED TO LAND AT DALNY BAY, BUT WERE REPULSED. FOUR TRANSPORTS WERE SUNK BY THE FORTS WHILE TRYING TO ENTER THE CHANNEL. THE ENGAGEMENT LASTED NEARLY AN HOUR AFTER WHICH THE JAPANESE RETIRED. THEIR LOSSES BEING FOUR SHIPS SUNK, A CHINESE STEAMER, THE FIRST MERCHANTMAN CLEARED FROM HERE FOR DALNY, WAS FORCED TO RETURN, HAVING BEEN THERE TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO ENTER THE PORT OF DALNY.

THE STEAMER SIGNALLED FOR FIVE HOURS, AND FINALLY RECEIVED A REPLY ORDERING HER TO DEPART IMMEDIATELY.

HER CAPTAIN REPORTS THAT HE SIGHTED PART OF THE JAPANESE

POPE RECEIVED ARCHBISHOP FARLEY.

Rome, Feb. 25.—The Pope received Archbishop Farley in private audience today in a most kindly manner, the Archbishop having met the pontiff two years ago, at Venice, and the pope remembering with satisfaction the particulars of the man. The conversation was carried on in Italian.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN MILWAUKEE.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 25.—The meeting of the department of superintendents of the National Educational Association which has been in session here this week, closed today. Today's topics, "Administration and Supervision," and "The Management of Special Departments," were discussed by Wm. H. Maxwell, of New York City; L. D. Bonebrake, Columbus, Ohio; Miss Alice Reynolds, New Haven, Conn.; C. N. Kendall, Indianapolis, Ind.; Chas. Foss, Reading, Pa., and Miss Evangeline Whitney, New York City. The next meeting will be held in Milwaukee.

PREMIER WAS GREETED WITH

Warm Cheers When He Declared
Relations With Spain Were
Friendly.

London, Feb. 25.—Premier Balfour, who, on his first appearance today in the house of commons since his illness, was greeted with warm cheers, replying to a question, confirmed the statement made in these despatches, Feb. 24th, that there was no truth in reports that Great Britain intended to seize certain points on the Spanish coast in the event of a continental war. He said:

"I am glad to say that the relations between this country and Spain are and are likely to remain of a most friendly character."

The premier added that there appeared to be no truth in the rumor that Spain was mobilizing her forces, although she was strengthening some of her garrisons.

ISTHMIAN COMMISSION

Practically Completed by President
Roosevelt—California Man Will
Accept Place Offered.

Washington, Feb. 25.—President Roosevelt has completed practically the personnel of the Isthmian canal commission. Assurances have been received by the president that C. E. Wahl Grunsdy, the San Francisco hydraulic engineer who was tendered an appointment after the declaration of his formal acceptance has not been received. Senator Perkins of California, said at the White House today that no doubt was entertained of Mr. Grunsdy's acceptance.

It is very probable that the seventh member of the commission, as heretofore indicated by the Associated Press, will be Benj. M. Harrod of New Orleans, a member of the Mississippi river commission.

NO TRADE.

London, Feb. 25.—Replying to a question in the house of commons today, the foreign under secretary, Earl Percy, said the government was not aware of any negotiations between Germany and Russia whereby, as announced in some newspapers in return for Germany affording Russia certain advantages during the war, Russia would support Germany in regard to the Baghdad railroad question, and a general extension of German predominance in Asia minor.

CONNEAUT HARBOR IS WIPED OUT BY FIRE.

Conneaut, Ohio, Feb. 25.—Fire today practically wiped out the business portion of Conneaut Harbor.

Among the buildings burned were the Mutual block and the Marine bank building, with the contents, including the Marine bank, the post office, and several stores. Loss estimated at \$100,000. Partially covered by insurance.

WARM

Debate in Congress
Over

The Building

Of Battleships for the
Navy.

Name of Admiral Dewey
Prominent in Cross Fire
Between Members.

Meyer of Louisiana Prefers Dewey's
Judgment on Naval Needs to
That of Board—Would
Build Battleships.

Washington, Feb. 25.—"Don't give up that ship," was the plea made to the house today, by Representative Meyer, (La.), who opened the debate on the naval bill, and addressed himself to the pending amendment of Mr. Burton to strike out the provision for the battleship authorized in the bill. Mr. Meyer took Rixey, (Va.) to task because in the debate yesterday, he had endorsed the Burton amendment. Admiral Dewey, Mr. Meyer said, had emphasized before the committee the necessity for battleships, recommending them as preferable to cruisers.

"Is not Admiral Dewey president of the board, the recommendations of which were disregarded by the committee?" asked Mr. Rixey. "Yes," replied Mr. Meyer, but I would rather take Admiral Dewey's judgment than that of the board. He stated it was in the minority, but he also was in minority in the famous trial a few years ago, and the country has endorsed his position.

Mr. Meyer, who is to offer a motion to recommit the bill to the committee with instructions to eliminate the provision for two cruisers and to make several other changes, explained that if he were to follow his own judgment and desires, he would urge upon his colleagues the acceptance of the whole building program.

FATAL FIRE IN COLORADO.

Two Persons, Possibly Three Perish
in Burning Building—Work
of Tramps.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Feb. 25.—Two lives and possibly three were lost in a fire that destroyed three buildings and threatened the entire business section of the city early today. The dead:

Lela Smith, 15 year old girl, and a man whose remains were charred beyond recognition.

The girl perished in her room at a lodging house from which her mother, Mrs. Mary Smith, escaped by jumping. The remains of the man were found in the debris lodged between the timbers of two buildings that had burned.

The property loss is about \$10,000. Three houses were burned and three others had to be shot. The fire is supposed to have been started by tramps in a heavy stable adjoining the lodging house.

MET OBLIGATIONS.

Vienna, Feb. 25.—The Turkish banking house of Mathias Ruson, which has been reported to be in difficulties, has, it is announced, fully discharged all its liabilities.

DICK'S STAR MAY ASCEND HIGHER

HARTLEY MADE BISHOP OF COLUMBUS DIOCESE.

Steubenville, O., Feb. 25.—Rev. Father James J. Hartley, was today, consecrated bishop of the diocese of Columbus, in the church of the Holy Name, succeeding Rt. Rev. Henry Moeller, now coadjutor of the arch diocese of Cincinnati. Nearly all the ceremonies were in charge of Rt. Rev. Henry Moeller, of Cincinnati.

GROSVENOR BILL HAVING HARD TIME.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Daniel Daventport, of Bridgeport, Conn., representing as an attorney the American Anti-Boycott Association, the Chicago Building Trades Council and the National Builders' Trades Association made an extended argument before the house committee on judiciary today against the Grosvenor bill to limit the meaning of the word "conspiracy" and the use of restraining orders and injunctions.

SECRETARY

Of Treasury Will Not
Call on Banks

For Any Portion of Govern-
ment Funds Deposited

With Them Until Decision of At-
torney General on Validity of Pan-
ama Canal Company's
Title Is Handed in.

New York, Feb. 25.—Secretary Shaw, of the treasury department, was at the sub treasury today where he received a number of callers including E. H. Harriman, president of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific systems, Isaac Seligman, of the J. & W. Seligman Co., James Stillman, president of the National City bank, and Valentine P. Snyder, president of the National Bank of Commerce. Respecting the Panama canal payment, the secretary said that no call will be issued to the depository banks for payments of the \$50,000,000 involved until the attorney general had passed upon the validity of the Panama Canal Co.'s title.

It is suggested that the treasury department may find it necessary to send a representative to Paris to investigate the phases of the litigation now pending there and if this is done payment of the \$50,000,000 to the canal company will be indefinitely delayed.

WILL BE SUGAR CURED.

Boston, Feb. 25.—Wallace H. Ham, manager of the American Security Co.'s branch office in this city, was arrested today on larceny charges, the total amount involved being \$104,000, according to Chief Inspector Watts. The American Security Co., is a New York concern.

A FALSE RUMOR.

London, Feb. 25.—The war office tells the Associated Press that there is no truth whatever in the rumor published yesterday by the Manchester Dispatch that the first British army corps had been ordered to hold itself in readiness to depart for India in a few days.

ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

St. Louis, Feb. 25.—The taking of testimony in the case of Frederick Seymour Burlington, charged with killing Jas. P. McCann, a well known horseman began in the circuit court at Clayton, today after the jury had been selected. In all, 111 witnesses have been summoned, 57 by the state and 54 by the defense.

Belief Prevails That Roosevelt Will Turn to Dick to Secure Harmony in the Buckeye State--Foraker May Be Forced Onto the Dick Wagon.

Has the U. S. Senatorship Clinched and
Is Being Boomed

For National Chairmanship.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Considerable speculation is being indulged regarding the future relation of General Chas. Dick, to the Ohio republican organization. Dick as senator is hardly expected to retain the chairmanship of the republican executive committee, and Secretary John R. Malloy, is being touted as his successor. Some of Dick's friends are insisting that he remain nominally at the head of the committee. Dick refused today to indicate his intentions. "I have really not had time to consider the proposition," he explained. "It will depend largely upon the wishes of the next committee. They alone have the power to determine who shall be chairman, and they will not be named until the convention is held."

Elmer Dover's succession to the secretaryship of the national republican committee has given rise to a belief among Dick's closer friends that Roosevelt will turn to Dick with the vacant chairmanship. It is contended that probably no man is more familiar with the work of the national committee, than Dick, and that in order to harmonize all interests in Ohio, Dick will be complimented in this manner.

Close friends of the senator to be, have said openly here this week, that it will depend altogether upon the attitude of the Foraker lieutenants whether Foraker is made one of the Big Four to the Chicago convention; that otherwise it will comprise Dick, Herrick, Cox and some one friendly to the Dick interest.

While Foraker would doubtless bitterly oppose Dick's elevation to the national chairmanship, effort may be made to make Roosevelt see that in order to secure harmony in Ohio and avert a decisive turn-down of the senior senator it will be necessary to consider Dick as one of the few men eligible to the place. Governor Herrick's recent attitude indicates that he may contemplate taking hold of things republican in Ohio, and becoming more of a state factor than his most ardent admirers have expected. Herrick is displaying an unlooked for determination to rush legislation this week, and he may have something to say, in combination with Cox, as to who the next state chairman may be.

It is believed this was discussed at Herrick's meeting with Dick yesterday, though neither will admit it.

The Entering Wedge.
Columbus, O., Feb. 25.—Senator Ricketts, of Franklin, offered a resolution today providing for the submission to popular vote of an amendment to the constitution fixing all municipal and township elections on the odd years and all county and state elections on even years. This is following out the procedure looking toward the abolishment of spring elections.

Small Boards Favored.
Columbus, O., Feb. 25.—There is a growing feeling noticeably favorable to a small bi-partisan board of education, and such provision may be agreed upon as a compromise between the opposing factions for the forthcoming school code. It begins to look as though the Cleveland plan was doomed to defeat.

New Business Concerns.
Columbus, O., Feb. 25.—Today's incorporations:

National Computing Scale Co., of Cleveland, capital stock reduced from \$275,000 to \$5,000.

Fox Stove Co., Dayton, by H. M. Riley, J. W. Eberle, E. F. Abornathy, C. E. Rice, G. W. Ozias, \$2,000.

Wadsworth Brick and Tile Co., of Wadsworth, by W. A. Ault, Chas. A. Curtis, M. H. Letherman, E. S. Pardec, C. M. Wertz, J. H. Durling, \$29,000.

Clipper Novelty Co., Toledo, by O. E. Kelly, James English, C. T. Sherman, G. N. Troy, C. E. Johnson, O. Johnson, Gustave Abele, \$10,000.

Cardington Electric Light, Heat & Power Co., Cardington, by G. M. Schwab, A. E. Curtis, W. E. Hull, J. W. Glauner, W. P. Vaughan, \$15,000.

Cleveland Portrait Co., Cleveland, by Alonzo M. Snyder, Edward Conrad, Geo. D. McGwin, A. A. McCaslin, Elmer G. Derr, \$10,000.

Antique Club, of Dayton, by John W. Pierce, Harry G. Engle, Fred A. Dawe, John C. Sykes, A. G. H. Witteborg.

"Talk With Ward" Co., Insurance, by Hubert H. Ward, James W. Crook, Clement L. Gates, John H. Cousins, James R. Hadley, \$10,000.

Old Member Re-appointed.
Columbus, O., Feb. 25.—Gov. Herrick re-appointed today Alra Argee, of Gallia county, to be a member of the board of control of the Ohio Agricultural experiment station for the term ending February 25, 1909.

against B. F. French, attorney for Curtis Jett and Edward Callahan, former sheriff of Breathitt county on the charge of subordination of perjury in the late Jett-White murder trials.

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THEY ARE READY TO

Fight as Soon as News Arrives That Treaty Has Been Ratified.

Warlike Spirit in Columbia Against Panama Has Not Waned With Time—Many American Warships Recalled by Department.

New York, Feb. 25.—Ratification of the Panama canal treaty resulted in the immediate recall of the warships and about one-half of the marines from the isthmus, says a Herald despatch from Panama. The Marblehead, Petrel, Wyoming and two torpedo boats will remain on the Pacific side. The New York, Boston and Huntington will proceed to Callao. On the Atlantic side all the warships except two, will proceed north for the maneuvers. Four hundred and fifty marines, under Major Cole, will leave Thursday on the Dixie for Guantanamo. The belief is that they will proceed later to Santo Domingo.

Despite Colombia's internal disturbances, letters just received from there, declare that the Colombians are ready to fight as soon as news arrives that the treaty has been ratified. One general in Cartagena is quoted as saying that if the government does not declare war, the troops on the border will invade Panama anyhow.

The last information from the coast is that another regiment of soldiers has been sent from Cartagena to the frontier. Half of the four thousand soldiers originally sent to Titumati have been moved 20 miles further up the coast toward Panama.

PRESIDENT SIGNED CANAL AGREEMENTS.

Washington, Feb. 25.—President Roosevelt today signed the ratifications to be exchanged between the U. S. and the Republic of Panama, on the isthmian canal treaty. The exchanges will be made at the state department between Secretary Hay, acting for the United States and Mr. Buncue-Varilla, the minister of Panama. The president himself does not sign a treaty. Subsequently a proclamation will be issued by the president announcing the conclusion of the convention and putting it into effect.

OFFICER BEN GRANT MAY BE SUSPENDED.

Chief of Police Mills is armed with some reports and complaints that seem destined to cause serious trouble for one of the subordinate members of the police department. Officer Ben Grant, who has been doing night duty on the south side this month is the prospective target for the charges and it is very probable that he will be suspended as soon as he reports for duty. He has been absent from his beat for two nights on sick leave.

TRACK NOTES.

A new deal on the part of the Pennsylvania is understood to be pending. It is proposed as soon as the Vandavia receivership shall be terminated that there shall be a reorganization of the lines west of Pittsburgh, making three systems—one being the Northwestern system, another the Northwestern and the third the Western system. The Western system will be made up of the Vandavia and its allied lines and when the Toledo, Peoria & Western comes into full control of the Pennsylvania it will be added to the new system.

An Important Decision.
The question as to whether a passenger on a railroad train, riding on a free pass, who loses his life on account of an act of carelessness on the part of the railroad company, stands on the same footing as that passenger who pays his fare, has been decided by the United States supreme court against the free passenger.

The case in which the opinion was rendered was that of the Northern Pacific Railway Co. vs. Louise H. Adams, and Frank H. Adams, heirs of Jay H. Adams, an attorney at law of Spokane, Wash.

In 1898, Mr. Adams was riding on a pass, which contained a stipulation exempting the railroad company from liability in the case of an accident.

The federal circuit court for the district of Washington, state, awarded damages to the extent of \$11,000 and the circuit court of appeals for the Ninth circuit affirmed the judgment.

The opinion of the supreme court was handed down by Justice Brewer and reversed the lower court. The supreme court held that there could be no higher measure of duty to the heirs than to Adams himself, and there is nothing in public policy to prevent a contract between a common carrier and a free passenger exempting the carrier from liability in case of accident.

TRAP SPRUNG AT TEN THIRTY.

Pennsylvania Hanged for Murder of His Wife—Was Cool to End.

Kittanning, Pa., Feb. 25.—Harry A. Zillafro was hanged in the county jail here. The trap was sprung at 10:10 and death by strangulation followed in ten minutes. He was cool and collected on the scaffold, and had nothing to say.

Zillafro was scarcely 21 years old. The crime for which he paid the death penalty was the killing of his young wife. The couple had parted and Mrs. Zillafro was living with her parents in the country. On February 14, 1902, Zillafro hired a team and drove 20 miles in the country to his wife's home, stopping on the way to borrow cartridges and a shot gun. Securing himself near the house he waited and shot his wife dead as she stepped on the porch. When arrested he admitted the killing, but refused to assign a reason for the deed.

SURPRISE PARTY.

Monday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Sheppard, several young folks gathered to remind their daughter Leola of her birthday. Those present were:

Misses Play Rutledge, Lena Edgecomb, Pearl Snyder, Lillian Phillips, Francis Heffner, Leila Rutledge, Fern Vermillion, Madge Southerland, Girtrude Eyrter, Bertha Vermillion, Sadie Phillips, Leila Heffner, Ella Little, Leila Little, Raymond Young, Ernest Marney, Otto Spence, Irvin Brentlinger, Edward McElroy, Mert Young, Harley Vermillion, Frank Pugsley, Willie Vermillion, Brice Ferguson, Ellis Sheppard.

TWO CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

Johnstown, Pa., Feb. 25.—Elsie and Robert Shenafelt, aged 6 and 4 years respectively, were burned to death in their home, in this city, this afternoon. The mother who is a widow, had gone just across the street to visit a neighbor and the first she knew of the fire was when the flames burst from the door. By that time it was too late to save the little ones.

THAT WATER DEAL.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 25.—A warrant was issued today for the arrest of Edward A. Wiereng, deputy city marshal, in connection with Lake Michigan water deal. The charge is an attempt to bribe a jury foreman, during the Lant K. Salesbury trial.

CALDWELL WITHDRAWS.

Washington, Feb. 25.—J. L. Caldwell, of West Virginia, today issued a statement withdrawing from the race for U. S. Senator, from that state.

GARRETT WYCKOFF LODGE NO. 585 F. & A. M.

Special communication this evening at 7 o'clock. Work in the E. A. degree. Visitors invited.

F. M. FREY, W. M.

E. H. JOHNS, Secy.

Letters from Detroit announces the arrival of a son at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Rydman, in that city. The happy parents have many friends in Lima and all send congratulations.

Free From "Help."

"Aunt Jennima," as everybody called her, was the oldest person in the neighborhood. She was known to be over a hundred years old and insisted that she was nearly 120, but in spite of her advanced age she was still vigorous and in the enjoyment of perfect health. Moved by that feeling of curiosity which people have about anything that is abnormal or unusual, several fine ladies from the city went one day to the little village where she lived and called on her.

"Tell us, aunt," said one of them, "what is the secret of your great age and your wonderful vitality?"
"Deed, honey," responded Aunt Jennima, with a sly twinkle in her eye, "I 'spect hit's becase I hain't never had no trouble wid hiah'd guls."—Yonh's Companion.

A Correction.

Out of the mouth of a very small girl came a correction of the press. She is nine years of age, and she was to go to a party with sundry other small children. "How are we going?" she inquired. Her mother explained that she would go in an omnibus. "An omnibus?" (So early does the social twist show itself.) "Yes, but it's a private omnibus," said the mother. The little girl reflected. "But there can't be a private omnibus," she exclaimed. She was quite right, though one wonders how the small girl leaped from blank ignorance to the Latin dative which denies privacy to an "omnibus," which is "for everybody."—London Chronicle.

Liver Complaint.

"The most efficacious cure for liver complaint is a clump on the side of the head." So says Jerome K. Jerome in "Three Men in a Boat." The cure will be more lasting if the "clump" is followed up by an abundance from pie and coffee, by the eating of much fruit without any sugar, the drinking of quarts of hot water and lemon and the deep breathing of pure air. Exercise, too, is an important factor in the cure of liver complaint, but the most important of all is to have something to do—something to work for.—Maxwell's Talmans.

COMMERCIAL GARDENING.

In the Missouri and Iowa Valleys—A Part of the Rocky Ford Nations.

At the Kansas horticultural meeting a Missouri gardener had the following to say on commercial gardening in the Kansas and Missouri valleys last year: "I was all kinds of garden stuff turned upward. The upland gardeners reaped a harvest that broke the record of previous years. Now for a few notes from the markets of the past year: Spanish, horseradish and poplar are much sought after in the early spring months. Asparagus is growing both in demand and popularity, the minimum price per dozen bunches was 25 cents, maximum \$1.25. The varieties most sought after are Palmetto and Conover's Colossal.

The increased demand for tomatoes is in proportion to their extended use, and many are the plans devised to place them in the early market. We note that some growers use 150 pounds nitrate of soda per acre and tie the vines to stakes to facilitate their early maturity. Leading varieties are Champion, Stone, Paragon, Livingston and Perfection. Newer kinds are Excelsior, Early Jewel and Matchless.

In commercial importance the potato has the lead. Good prices have been maintained during the year. A large per cent of the early planting was a total loss. A few growers planted late from seed kept in cold storage. I learn that the crop was a good one, both as to quantity and quality, and prices, too, were remunerative. Much time and money have been spent on new varieties, but no rival has yet been found for the Early Ohio.

Early corn is a great delicacy and is much sought after. The first in market is always high in price, selling at 25 to 35 cents per dozen ears. The best varieties are Early Minnesota, Country Gentleman and Stoll's Evergreen.

Cabbage culture claimed much attention in flooded districts. Much of the land is all the richer for the overflow and was in fine fifth for late cabbage. Kaw valley gardeners raised a fine crop, and it was disposed of to advantage. The overflow and sandy land can be used for sweet potatoes. The yield of this crop is enormous. It will pay expenses at the minimum price of 30 cents per bushel. The proper storing and curing of this crop are the key to success with it.

The melon crop was not a good one. It is very difficult to grow Rocky Ford melons owing to a destructive mite for which no adequate remedy has as yet been found.

Some specialists grow celery successfully. This crop needs more care than most gardeners are willing to bestow upon it. We need more specialists. Many of us try too many crops.

The Oldest Living Things on Earth.

A bill has been introduced in congress by Mr. James N. Gillette of California to avert the complete destruction of the remaining big trees of that state. There are but ten groves of these trees remaining. The sequoias flourished before the ice age. In the miocene period such trees covered great areas on both continents. They are probably the oldest living things on the earth and are now restricted to a narrow strip in California. These great monsters of the forest come the nearest to being "immortal" of any mundane things that we know of. The rings on some of them count twenty centuries. The largest healthy ones still growing are at least 5,000 years old. A man could sit in the top branches of one of these trees and look down on two Bunker Hill monuments piled one on the other. Such marvels should be preserved. The sawmills will speedily inclose them unless the government interposes. By far the greater number of the big trees are now held in private ownership and mostly by lumber companies. There is yet an opportunity for the government to get the remaining groves into its possession and preserve them for the people in the interest of knowledge. These old trees reach out farther into the dead past than any living thing we now have. It seems barbarous to turn them into lumber for the sake of a little passing greed and rob our country of its greatest wonders so ruthlessly.—American Gardening.

Gopher Destruction.

Possibly the simplest method of destroying gophers is to excavate the soil at a newly made mound to a sufficient depth to come in contact with the channel made by the gopher underground. Saturate a sponge or cloth with carbon bisulphide and place it in the channel, then cover up the hole by first placing a board over it and on this some soil. This liquid is a powerful disinfectant and acts as a poison when its fumes are inhaled. It seems that the fumes penetrate to a considerable distance along the gopher's channel and will eventually bring about his destruction.—Iowa Homestead.

Things That Are Said.

What is needed is public spirit, a willingness to do a service to the neighborhood without selfishly demanding pay for every stroke of work done.

To every young man entering upon life is allowed one year for blunders while he learns how to oil the wheels of the business which he is trying to smoothly run.

About the loneliest boy in the world is the one who has found out that his father promises him things that he never does.

Take no man's thoughts as your own unless you know them to be God made and heaven born.

The things that interest us most are generally none of our business.

The farm is nearest to heaven of any spot on earth.

There was much grain smut in portions of the corn belt last year. The formalin treatment is simple and effective for seed.

The statement that a quart of whisky weighs two pounds, should be modified. Depends on whether it is inside of a bottle or inside of a man.

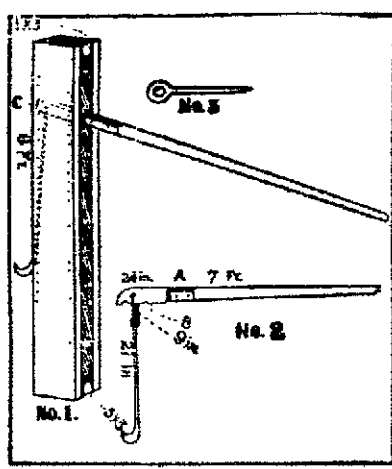
FARM-FIELD AND GARDEN

FOR THE HANDY MECHANIC.

A Simple Contrivance For Lifting Heavy Weights.

The illustration from Orange Judd Farmer shows what the writer calls his "little Samson," a contrivance for lifting heavy weights. It is described as follows: by studying the figures carefully any handy man can make the woodwork, while the iron parts can be left with the blacksmith:

No. 1 should be just six feet high. The planks for the sidepieces are 2 by 8. The blocks at the ends are 3 by 3 by 8 and firmly secured by four three-eighths bolts eight inches long. Now comes the important part. The two rows of holes as shown must be exact. Lay off the planks with two straight lines just four inches apart. Now lay the square on the plank so that the small blade will cross the two long lines and mark the entire length in one and one-half inch spaces, or just the width of the square blade. Now provide yourself with a one and one-eighth inch bit and bore straight through at every other junction of the sectional lines. This being finished, we will start on the other line and bore on the cross lines we skipped before, thus leaving the holes at an angle, as shown



DETAILS OF LITTLE SAMSON.

In the cut. There should be twenty holes in each row. The next will be two steel pins, C, measuring twelve inches long and one inch in diameter. They should be slightly pointed at one end and flattened at the other, as shown in No. 3.

For No. 2, the main iron should be five-eighths of an inch thick and four inches wide and twenty-four inches long, four inches wide from the point and extending back eight inches, where it should be made just three inches wide. On the lower edge at B are shown two pin saddles, which should be just four and a half inches from center to center. The upper hole for the clevis pin is one and three-fourths inches back of the front saddle. The clevis is made of three-quarter inch and the pin of one-half inch best iron. The clevis is nine inches long. The main hook is twenty-one inches long and is made of steel half an inch thick by one and a half inches wide, and the point should be liberally reinforced.

We are now ready for the lever. This is made of 3 by 3 stuff and is seven feet long. Measure off two feet and commence tapering and rounding the remaining five feet, leaving the small end two inches in diameter. Now cut a mortise in the square end five-eighths of an inch wide and back sixteen inches. Around the square end place a snug fitting collar, A, made of iron 1 by 1 inch. Now drive the large iron in the mortise and bolt it, as shown in No. 2. In No. 1, C shows the pins properly set for work. Our machine is now finished. All of the wood used in it should be of the toughest kind procurable. Mine is made of rock elm. The machine works equally well in pulling stumps.

A Good All Around Tomato.

Of all tomatoes grown, both for private or market use, I know of none so excellent or productive as mine. It is an exceedingly attractive fruit and of exceptionally fine flavor and a good one in a wet or dry season, says George Standen in American Gardening. The seed can be sown in flats about three inches deep in a light, not overrich, soil. I usually make drills with the forefinger about two inches apart, covering lightly and finally with a piece of board or brick and placing in a temperature of 60 degrees at night and water with a fine rose water can. As soon as the seedlings have made their true leaves put off into three inch pots in a compost of two-thirds loam and one-third well decayed manure, watering carefully and shading from the sun's rays till they have taken hold of the new soil, as they are liable to damp off if overwatered at this time. As soon as they have filled those with roots put again into six inch pots, which is the final shift, using the same compost and potting rather firm, keeping them on the dry side at all times to promote strong, hard growth.

To Feed to a Finish or Save Corn?

Cattle feeders have had a long and acute period of the pain that always accompanies feeding high priced grain to low priced fat stock, and the end must come some time. How soon none may say, but the big feeders are all going ahead in anticipation of a better market for fat cattle when the feed lots of their neighbors are empty. It is a question whether to feed on to a finish or not at present prices of corn and cattle, but the extensive feeders are keeping on in the belief that there is money in it. The other fellows are saying, "No, no, no."

Nothing makes a woman so angry as to ask a man for his candid opinion of her—and get it.

GROWING ONIONS

The New Commercial Method—Sowing in Hotbeds and Transplanting.

Onions have proved an extremely profitable crop in many sections. Following is advice from the Kansas experiment station on the manner of growing them:

The best soil is a rich, sandy loam, as free as possible from weeds. A well cultivated field of sandy loam that has been well manured with stable manure for several years will grow good onions. Onions should never be put in a soil that is foul or that has been too recently fertilized with barnyard manure unless the manure has been well rotted. Ground that is intended for onions this year should be plowed early in the spring and disked later. The ground should be well cultivated just before the onions are put on the land.

There are two methods of sowing seed. The old way was to sow in drills in the field as you would peas or other garden crops. After this the light with the weeds was sure to disgust the cultivator of onions. In the end we had sacrificed many of the plants in trying to kill the weeds and of course had a very poor stand for onions. During the past few years the cultivators of onions for commercial purposes have been growing their onions in hotbeds and then transplanting them out in the field. Some of the advantages of this method are: (a) The crop matures earlier; the seeds may be sown in the hotbeds in February; (b) the onion transplants with as much ease as any of the garden plants; (c) it materially increases the yield, because of the more even stand and because of the choice of the better seedlings for the row, where, if we allowed them to grow in drills, the stronger ones are liable to come up too near together to allow them to grow, and many of the best plants are destroyed, while the weaker ones grow up where we want the stronger ones; (d) it does away with the task of weeding, thus making the production cheaper. By actual experimentation it has been found that the cost of maturing the crop when transplanted is somewhat less than when the seeds are sown in drills in the field.

The temperature of the hotbeds should be below 80 degrees when the seeds are planted. When the seedlings are of a size to set out, which will be in about six weeks, the ground should be thoroughly cultivated, so as to kill all the weeds that may be starting. The ground should then be laid off in rows eighteen to twenty inches apart. Onions will stand a great deal of crowding, and some growers put the rows as close as twelve inches and the plants three inches apart in the rows.

OATS IN THE NORTHWEST.

Winter Oats For Spring Seeding—At High Altitude—On Acid Soil.

Winter oats are a new cereal which will soon take its place by the side of the many other kinds of coarse grains we already have. The past three or four years I have been experimenting with these winter oats, with the intention of making them a spring oat for high altitudes where frost and snow come early; also for the far north, where the frost usually kills the spring oats. I have accomplished this and more. I have found an oat that can be sown in the south and northwest and obtain better results than can be got out of any other known coarse grain. These oats when headed out or ripe cannot be distinguished from spring oats. When young they have the same habits as rye and winter wheat. That is, their stools crawl along on the ground and do not stand up like spring oats. When ripe the hull is very light and the meat quite sweet and easily hulled. The straw is reddish by all kinds of live stock about the same as spring oat straw. The weight this year is about forty pounds to the bushel. They have never shown any smut or rust, and the straw is quite strong. No amount of freezing will nip them off or change their color after they come up in the spring.

My 1903 crop was sown in a thawing spell the last days of February and came up under a March snowstorm. There was alternate freezing and thawing until May 5. I also allowed my cattle to graze on them until May 15. They had but one shower from that time until ripe. Under these conditions they yielded about fifty bushels to the acre. Their foliage protects the soil from the hot sun, and their roots penetrate deep. They are a white oat and eagerly devoured by all kinds of birds and hogs as well as all kinds of live stock. I sowed a few acres this fall to try their merits as a winter oat in this latitude. I believe they are equally as hardy as winter wheat and will flourish in any climate suited to winter wheat. It is my opinion that these oats will do well sown as a spring oat in any of the northern states as well as Canada or even Alaska.

However, they should not be grazed when sown in the spring and should be sown as early as sufficient earth is thawed to cover them. They differ from winter wheat in this particular, as winter wheat is not a success sown as a spring wheat. They ripen about twenty to thirty days earlier than spring oats.—South Dakota (or Orange Judd Farmer).

One Thing and Another.
South Dakota's few beans are said to be a paying crop.

If there is one thing above another a good, live dairymaid likes to do in winter, it is to feed his cows and know that they are in good warm quarters.

National Stockman thinks that behind the present speculative conditions there are some good, solid reasons for firmness in wheat.

The most reliable preparation for kidney troubles on the market is Foley's Kidney Cure. For sale by H. F. Vortkamp, corner Main and North streets.

Peppis, Peppies or What?

A correspondent (an American, we presume) writes to ask how he shall pronounce the name of the excellent diarist we occasionally quote, "Do you," he asks, "call Peppis 'Peppies' or 'Peppies' or 'Peppies' or 'Peppies'?" Even among contemporary London talkers there is disagreement, but the question should be settled by one Mr. James Carcase, whom Peppis kindly took to his boat to view the great fire and who returned the compliment by a somewhat violent set of verses in his volume "Lucida Intervals."

Get thee behind me, then, dumb devil, be thou silent.
The Lord hath Ephraim said to me, tongue.
Him I must praise who openeth hath's lips.
Sent me from navy to the ark by Peppis.

The rhythm is dreadful, but the rhyme is conclusive, and the man who rowed in the same boat with the diarist called him "Peppis"—London Chronicle.

[An accepted American dictionary authority also gives Peppis as the correct pronunciation of his name.—L2]

They Hunger For Praise.

"Praise is sweet," remarked a certain teller, "yet it seems to be against the rule of many business houses. Perhaps they fear you'll demand a raise if they compliment your work. Why even a man friend of mine, who is engaged in window decoration, says he wants to be told if his work is satisfactory. He dreams of it all night when it doesn't give him a nightmare, and he works at it all day. He begs to be told when it is effective, but he has to be content with the fact that as he puts it, he'd be fired if it were not satisfactory. As for me, I design these doll dresses and other dainty things and also arrange them for display. I long for praise when I feel that my labors have been crowned with success. But, alas, my firm also pursues the claim policy—perhaps it is the best policy—in spite of the fact that I'd work the skin off my fingers to try to exceed my best work if only that were praised."—Philadelphia Record.

Sensitive Horses.

The horse does not like a nervous, fidgety, noisy or irritable man. He is too nervous and irritable himself. "Why is it," one teamster was heard to ask another, "that Phil's horses are always gaunt? Phil feeds them well." "Yes," was the reply, "but he's like a wasp around a horse." A well known owner of race horses, not at all a sentimental person, recently made an order forbidding his employees to talk in loud tones or to swear in the stable. "I have never yet seen a good man swear," he says, "that was being sworn at all the time. It hurts the feelings of a sensitive horse, and I'll keep my word good to discharge any man in my employ if I catch him swearing within the hearing of a horse in this stable."—Country Life in America.

Wedded in a Bunch.

According to an old Breton custom, all the marriages of the year take place on one day. After the legal wedding has been performed the couples take their stand in a row behind the altar of the church, and behind them all their fathers and mothers, and so on their cousins and their uncles and their aunts, all arrayed in their brightest colored raiment and the whitest and stiffest of collars. The scene in the church is picturesque beyond description. They go through the ceremony in unison. The moral support it must give to the timid bridegroom!

Three in Chinese.
Religious superstition asserts itself in Chinese architecture, and the universal sacredness of the number three and nine is shown in the arrangement of temple doors. There is a triple gateway to each of the halls of the imperial palace, and the same order prevails at the Ming tombs. The Temple of Heaven has a triple roof, a triple marble staircase, and all its mystic symbolism points either to three or its multiples.

Disappointment.
"I hope," said the ducal bridegroom anxiously, as he boarded the Curlew with his American bride, "that your diamonds are safe in your bag."

"My dear," replied she, "I am not the first of our family to marry into the British nobility. My aunt married a duke. My diamonds are safe at home in papa's vault."—Town Topics.

The Danger Is In.

"See here," cried the victim, after the accident. "I thought you said it was perfectly safe to go up in that old elevator?"

"So it was safe to go up," replied the elevator man. "The dangerous part of it was the coming down."—Philadelphia Press.

In Training.

Mr. Newly Riche-Wu must learn how to behave, Maria, if we are going to enter society. Mrs. Newly Riche-Wu will, my dear. The new set of servants I have engaged have been in the best families.—Detroit Free Press.

Be Pleasant.

Let us take time to be pleasant. The small courtesies, which we often omit because they are small, will some day look larger to us than the wealth which we have covered or the fame for which we have struggled.

Natural History.

Eva—Mother says I'm descended from Mary, queen of Scots. Tom (her brother)—So am I then. Eva—Don't be silly, Tom. You can't be—you're a boy!—Punch.

The World is Satisfied with Words.

Few appreciate the things beneath. Pascal.

If people were compelled to give voice to their thoughts, few men would have the nerve to sing in public.

GREAT

And Wonderful Is the Extent Of Attractions

Offered at St. Louis' Big World's Fair.

Strange and Curious Inventions, and Modern Ingenuity,

Together With Products of Genius Brought From Strange Lands From Beyond the Seas.

As the time passes the World's fair at St. Louis, fastens itself on the public eye, and reports from the center of activity at St. Louis, continually remind the public of the great exposition the world has ever known. Some idea of the extent of the various and wonderful attractions can be gathered from the following brief extracts taken from descriptions:

The voice of the Lord and the man who utters it.

A flood of fifty thousand gallons of water every minute.

A ride of three hundred miles in a Pullman car.

Thorns of 100 talking birds at per liberty.

Five engine and horses dash 500 feet under roof to burning block.

Real waves break on a real beach and one mile from spectators.

Man who carries images from a single grain of rice.

Polymarine boat sinks beneath real sea, with its human cargo.

One show with 300 horses, 22 streets covering 11 acres.

Miniature men of war operated by electric motors on large water expanse.

Relics from the Golden Temples of Siam.

Theater of Flowers, masterly conception of a dead woman.

Japanese roosters with tails ten feet long.

Old hand engine once pumped at St. George Washington.

Indian dance, the Mask, the Snake and Snake dances.

Eleven sections of arched bazzars at St. Louis reproduced.

Children ride, giant tortoise with wheels and bits.

Boat dancers—the strange meditation of Burma.

Parade of the Bohemians.

Gallery of Famous Irish Beauties.

Ta-ban of Fashion from perky of man colonies to the present.

Large of London of Zebrules, the white bird animal not found in nature.

Little history of America in large panorama ever constructed.

Way Lane of Barcelona with general displays.

Boat race, Shetland ponies, complete apparatus.

Clouds of Creation of world are of vacuum controlled by vacuum.

Myros carry persons up narrow stairs into cliffs sixty feet high.

Genuine Goshara girls dance, sing and give tea in native kiosk.

World re-created in hollow shell 150 feet in diameter and 115 feet high.

Men remove your shoes before entering the Mosque of Omar.

India Temple with 500 hideous of the Pomegranate century.

Knight in armor tilt in tournament.

St. Lawrence's Chapel on the Rocks of India.

Translucent mirrors: yourself one instant, in the next, living masterpieces of art.

Adams rib impersonated by a human being.

Street in Paris with architecture of all periods in France.

St. Lawrence's gate at Donegal.

Waves of sorrow is 800 feet long; street is 1,000 feet long.

Feast on the Corso de Seville.

Japanese trees with human and animal shapes.

Eight hundred wild animals roam at large without bars or any screen between them and the public.

Chinese theatre with troupe of Chinese actors in drama.

Dublin's famous band of sixty musicians.

Rajah festival of Hindostan with paintings and golden cars.

Statue of awakening woman stands at two feet high.

Famous tag-making girls of Japan, ten to twelve years old.

History of the colliery illustrated through all the centuries.

Boatship Texas shouting at swing on trestle on real water.

New sunset effect with lengthening shadows and hanging angles.

Atlantic liner 500 feet long and eighty feet wide.

A ride in a Jintekasha, a jaunting car or a sampan or a kajavak.

Russian theatre with troupe of forty native actors in characteristic national amusements.

Six thousand performers on the Pike and 1,500 animals.

A single column of boats that carry 1,500 passengers at one load.

Cafe Chantants, the chair of Patisan fever.

Oxen of India draw curious cars of the wealthy caste.

Burmese village with its rare houses of straw and stranger people.

Maine will be blown up in Havana harbor.

Celtic theatre with Edward Harrigan in Hibernian drama.

Through centuries on a water canal to Genesis.

Bits of the emperor's imperial gardens at Tokio.

Crowded market place of Triana, Spain.

Church of Holy Sepulchre, same size as original at Jerusalem.

A Turkish cavalry patrol in the Holy City.

Japanese art of defense as practiced by President Roosevelt.

Jaffa gate, Golden gate, Zion gate and St. Stephens gate, reproduced.

Moslem priests will cry the Muezzin from the Minarets.

Jewish rabbis will intone the Talmud in synagogues.

Prehistoric monsters will walk the primeval earth in creation.

You cannot cure piles by external applications. Manzan is put up in a collapsible tube, with nozzle, and is applied where most needed. Manzan stops the pain, soothes, cools and cures.

Lies of the Week.

It is not true the president is resigning.

It is not true that the Russian bear is still hibernating.

It is not true that Judge Parker feels that he has a sure thing.

It is not true that Japan's alarm clock failed to wake her in time.

It is not true that Senator Gorman was never so happy as he is now.

It is not true that Mr. Richard Harding Davis planned the Japan campaign.

It is not true that the lies of the week are less capable than the lies of the strong.

It is not true that Mr. Charles M. Schwab has gone abroad to break the bank at Monte Carlo.

It is not true that the entertainment now progressing in the far East will add one cent's worth to the gravity of the nations.

It is not true that John W. Gates is going to take charge of Mr. Rockefeller's Sunday school class while the latter takes a European vacation.

Tommy Know.

"Tommy," said the teacher to a pupil in the primary arithmetic class, can you tell me what a league is?"

"Yes, ma'am," answered Tommy. "It's eight baseball teams."—Memphis Tribune.

Have you a full heavy, mean feeling in your stomach after eating, feel lazy, tired, and weak? Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will make you well, keep you well. 35 cents. H. F. Vorkamp.

The Sultan's Opinion.

"In America," said the traveler, "it is considered wrong to have more than one wife."

"It is not merely wrong," answered the sultan as he leaned apprehensively at the harem, "it's foolish."—Washington Star.

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BREACH OF PROMISE

IT IS AN EASY MATTER FOR A WOMAN TO OBTAIN DAMAGES.

Simple Compliments or Acts of Gallantry Are Sufficient in the Eyes of the Law to Support Proof of a Promise to Marry.

Ever since Margaret Gardner and her daughter Alice brought what is reputed to have been the first breach of promise suit against John Keefe of Ypswich, showing that he, the said John Keefe, had received a sum of money on condition of his marrying the said Alice and that he had married Joan Hayes, "poor girl," breach of promise suits have been resorted to among all English speaking peoples.

Lord Holt enforced it at common law, holding that "the wounded spirit, the shattered disgrace and the soliloquy which would be the probable consequence of desertion after a long cohabitation were considered to be as legitimate claims for pecuniary damages as the loss of reputation by slander or the wounded pride in slight assaults and batteries."

These matrimonial contracts are sui generis. No grim-visaged lawyer draws up a formal contract to be executed; no notary public is present to witness and purposes of the parties and certifies the same under his official seal; no go-between Pandarus is present to hold the hands of Troilus and Cressida and solemnly pronounce:

"A bargain made. Seal it, seal it. I'll be the witness."

No. In the vine clad arbor or behind the protecting screens of parlor walls, in some shady nook or in the dim moonlight deep down some lonely dell, "far sunken from the healthy breath of morn and eve's one star," there these engagements are softly whispered and the contract sealed with a kiss.

For these reasons, while the making of the contract is a question of proof, it need not be proved in torrid verities and is often inferred from the actions, language and conduct of the parties, and it is difficult to tell under what circumstances the contract was made.

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and from the wide world I love thee still."

Yet notwithstanding all this the man never broke off his engagement.

The plaintiff's "love" was fully as successful as had been that of the defendant, for she received a judgment for \$1,500.

In a Vermont case, a man and defendant were married, and the defendant paid neighborly visits to the plaintiff's family. It was shown that these visits were at first to the entire family and that they were gradually narrowed until they were confined to the plaintiff alone. The court, together with the proof that the periods of the defendant's visits were frequently seen buried in the parlor on Sunday and Sunday evenings and some other circumstances, held the jury to find for the plaintiff.

A very cruel case occurred in Michigan. A man who, since he related here the name of a certain while engaged in courting had his financial eye open and borrowed money from the lady. On his last visit to her he renewed his notes for one and two years and they went off and married the other girl. The court held that it was proper to allow proof of this money transaction, holding that "an engagement broken off suddenly and without warning would very naturally create more pain and indignation than if ended under any other circumstances, and if a jury were to regard this conduct concerning money matters as calculated, under the circumstances, to have caused additional grounds of pain or grievance to the defendant in error, then they would not be violating ordinary probabilities."

Where the defendant asked the hand of the lady in the presence of the latter's mother, who consented, and the lady said nothing and the defendant thereupon gently took the hand of the mother and touchingly said, "Henceforth consider me as your son," it was held sufficient proof of the lady's consent, and in a New York case the lady was permitted to show that she had procured a wedding dress and had gone so far as to get a wedding cake, as showing her acceptance, while in Iowa the plaintiff was allowed to prove in support of her acceptance that she was making preparation for her marriage "piecing quilts and doing fancy work, and that when she heard of defendant's marriage she hated it awful bad."

While the law makes it easy to prove a proposal by the gentleman and equally easy to show that the lady accepted, when it comes to evidence showing a release on the part of the lady the proof must be strong to sustain the defense.

In one case a bachelor of fifty-three had been paying his respects to a maiden of forty-three summers for the unlucky period of thirteen years. During all this time she declared to others that she would never marry him and gave of him in terms of derision and contempt. After thirteen years of courtship the bachelor summoned sufficient courage to propose and was promptly accepted. After the engagement he heard of the double dealings of the maid and refused to marry her. The court held it was no defense to the action, although it might go in mitigation of damages.

In a Pennsylvania case the lady wrote to the defendant a letter in which she said: "I don't want you, for I know that I would have a devil's life of it. If you were any kind of a gentleman, you would not act as you have. I pray night and day that you may never prosper in this world. I just pray for every evil in your head to come out." And yet she recovered a judgment for \$2,000.

In looking beneath the surface for the reason for this verdict it is quite evident that the jury believed that the lady was goaded to desperation by the attentions of her fiance to her rival and that she did not in fact mean to say that she did not want to marry him and did not really desire that he lose all his hair, for in her letter she says cruelly of her rival, "Well, if I am poor I do not wear the one hat for five or six years, like she does, and turn it in and out before, like she does."

Under the weight of authority, then, if a party does not want to find himself in the eyes of the law an engaged man he must look well to his daily walk and conversation, for if he has so conducted himself as to be stopped from denying the engagement he will have a difficult problem to convince a judge and jury that the lady has duly released him.—Green Bag.

A Wine Bath.

Do you want to bathe in wine? In all probability the answer of nine-tenths of our readers to this question will be "No." If you were in Italy, however, and you were to put the question to an owner of a vineyard, you would get a reply in the affirmative. There is a curious superstition among the vineyard owners of Italy that the man who takes a bath in the juice of his own grapes will have a happy and prosperous year. Maybe some of our readers will say that there is quite as much sense in this notion as in the English custom of drinking "a happy new year" to every one.—London Notes.

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WEATHER.

Washington, Feb. 25.—For Ohio:
Snow tonight and Friday not so cold.
Friday, winds becoming easterly and
fresh to brisk.

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

The democrats of the 4th congres-
sional district of Ohio will meet in
convention in Celina, Ohio, on Tues-
day, March 13, 10 a. m., to place in
nominations for the 4th Ohio
Congressional District in the congress
of the United States and for the fur-
ther purpose of transacting such other
business as may properly come before
said convention.

The basis of representation in the
convention will be one delegate for
every one hundred votes or fraction
of fifty votes cast for Herbert S.
Bigelow at the election in 1922, the
delegates to be selected in conformity
to rules prescribed by the central com-
mittee of each county. Under the
said apportionment the several coun-
ties will be entitled to representation
as follows:

Allen county.....49 votes
Auglaize county.....38 votes
Darke county.....50 votes
Mercer county.....31 votes
Sneyly county.....28 votes
Total, 196 votes; necessary to
choice, 99 votes; necessary to
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GEORGE W. SIGAPOOS, Chairman.
A. E. SCHAFER, Secretary.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION.

The qualified voters of the demo-
cratic party of Allen county, Ohio, are
hereby notified and requested to at-
tend at the usual voting places at
Saturday, the 5th day of March, A. D.
1924, and then and there vote by bal-
lot for a nominee for the following
county officers to be elected at the
November, A. D. 1924 election, to-wit:
One candidate for Commissioner.
One candidate for Indemnity direc-
tor.

The following rules have been
adopted by the county central com-
mittee of said county for conducting
said election.

First. The said primary election
shall be held in each of the several
townships, wards and precincts within
the county as near the usual voting
places as can be, on Saturday, the 5th
day of March, A. D. 1924, between
the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and
eight o'clock p. m. standard time, and
said primary election shall be held un-
der the Australian ballot law so con-
ducted as to fully comply with the re-
quirements of a resolution heretofore
adopted by the democratic county con-
vention.

Second. The central committee
of the townships, wards and pre-
cincts shall designate one person to
serve as judge, and one person to
serve as clerk of said election for each
precinct under their supervision and
shall, on or before noon of February
the 25th, A. D. 1924, submit the
names of the persons so appointed as
judges and clerks to the secretary of
the central committee, and the persons
so appointed shall, on or before noon
of the fifth day of March, A. D. 1924,
take and subscribe an oath that they
will honestly, faithfully and impartially
discharge their said duties and a
true count and correct return make
of all the votes cast at said election
in case of the absence or in case of
vacancy of said judge or clerk, either
or both of said officers of judge or clerk
the democrats present at the polls at
the time for opening, may select some
one of their number to serve in the
place of such absent judge or clerk
who shall first take the oath of office
before performing said duties and there-
upon be entitled to discharge all the
duties of said office.

Third. The following persons shall
be deemed qualified and entitled to
vote at said election: (1) All those
who are known to be democrats; (2)
All those not known to be democrats
who will pledge themselves to vote
the democratic ticket at the
November, A. D. 1924 election; (3) All
those who are not yet registered voters
but who will be entitled to vote at the
November, A. D. 1924 election, who
will pledge themselves as above.

Fourth. The judges and clerks of
said election shall keep a correct poll
book which shall contain the names of
all persons voting at said election
and they shall immediately after the
closing of the polls and in the pres-
ence of such person or persons as
may produce a certificate from any
candidate for a county office showing
that he or she have been selected to
serve as an inspector on behalf of

the democratic county central
committee of Allen county, Ohio, at a
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HIGH

School Talent to the Fore.

A Big Success

Marked Production of Merchant of Venice,

Given by a Carefully Select- ed Cast Before a Large Audience.

Costumes Rented, for the Occasion, Made Up in Great Part for the Lack of Stage Properties.

The interpretation of the Merchant
of Venice by the high school last night
was cleverly done, and due credit
must be given those who polished the
dramatic talent of the performers.
The simplest of Shakespeare's plays are
difficult, and it was taking on a big
proposition when the members of the
cast attempted what only such great
beacons, among theatrical smaller
lights, as Edwin Booth and Henry
Irwin were brave enough to include in
their repertory.

The production of the great master-
piece was in line with the regular
course of study, except that it led to
a complete memorizing by those who
were assigned the parts, and it is
complimentary to even say that they
spoke it well. The Shakespearean
student, (meaning the beginner or
course) generally sets the words to
music of his own composing, but it
was pleasing to note last night that
the lines were delivered with sufficient
force, and attention to inflection and
accent, as to almost completely de-
stroy the sing song monotone of the
average pupil.

Add to the difficulties which beset
the production itself, the very poorest
of stage effects, and double praise
should be given the performers for be-
ing able to hold the attention of the
largest audience ever gathered in the
"high school" assembly room. The
stage was small, the properties lim-
ited, and the scenery, in plain words,
would have done as well for the
streets of Cairo as the palatial Venice.

The costuming of the cast was the
redeeming feature so far as stage ef-
fects were to be considered. The
nobles, and their attendants were gar-
bed in the rich apparel of the
proud Venetian, who courted in vel-
vets and rare lace, and right hautilly
did they plant themselves before the
admiring eyes of their fellow stu-
dents. The ladies, especially Portia,
wore elegant gowns, and their dra-
matic ability, which the boys will ad-
mit was stronger and ran in lines
where they could approach with easier
tread.

Fred Eastman, as Shylock, the
money-lending Jew, portrayed the
character well, and costume, voice and
manner were in keeping with the de-
mands made upon him. He was at
his best in the trial scene, the real
climax which seemed to touch all with
the inspiration growing out of the
downfall of the villain and the crown-
ing thrust of the hero and heroine of
the play.

Miss Helen White, as Portia, dis-
played genuine dramatic ability. She
has a charming stage manner, and
there was a simple unaffectedness, yet
strength in her acting which earned
for her much praise and many com-
pliments. She was well supported by
Miss Marie Robinson, her maid in
waiting, with whom Bassanio's love
of honor very properly fell in love,
while his master was wooing and win-
ning the rich and charming heiress.

Howard Hadsell, as Antonio, whose
pound of flesh was saved him, to the
discomfiture of the greedy Shylock,
made a good presence, and had the
voice which the character called for.
The part of Bassanio, his kinsman and
willing borrower of funds needed to
press his suit, was intrusted to Carl
Thomas, who got both the money and
his bride, but he was somewhat slow
in taking advantage of opportunities
in love making, which others envied
him.

Oreca Andrews, as Lorenzo, and
Miss Hattie Duggan, as Jessica, daugh-
ter of Shylock, brought their love
match to a climax of an elopement.
The situations leading up to the final
surrender of the besieged, divided at-
tention with the other plots and coun-
terplots, and while Shylock was be-
coming alike the loss of his daughter
and his duress, the audience was satis-
fied to know that the handsome Lor-
enzo had succeeded in getting both.
The comedy, of which there is a pre-
tense in the Merchant of Venice, was
sustained by Harry Smith, as Lunce-
let Gobbo, servant to Shylock, but a
better one to the daughter of the
Jewish household. The meeting of
Luncheon and his blind father, a
splendid disguise assumed by Ira Wil-
mer, was the signal for applause due

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to the humorous side of the produc-
tion Mr. Witmer doubled in the
cast, and later appeared as Tubal, a
friend of Shylock.

The other luminaries, who were in-
dispensible to the unfolding of the
plot, all of whom did credit to their
parts were Gratiano, Salarino, Salanio
and Salerio, friends of Antonio and
Bassanio, taken by Warren Griffiths,
Fred Curtis, Byron Thomas and Mau-
rice Dury, and Edwin Oliphant as
Duke of Venice.

To Miss Blanch Andrews, teacher
of mathematics and history, especial
praise must be given for her work in
drilling the members of the cast. She
gave all of her spare time to the hard
work, and success crowned her efforts.
Financially the production was a
complete success. Every seat was
taken and many were compelled to
stand throughout the program. The
surplus will be used in the purchase
of books for the school library.

PIONEERS

Claimed in the Harvest of Death.

Mrs. J. M. Satterthwaite Died This Morning.

Daniel Stevick, an Aged Resident of German Township Passed Away Today, After Long Illness.

Mrs. Ellen R., wife of James M.
Satterthwaite, of 742 West Wayne
street, died at 4:45 o'clock this morn-
ing, death resulting from general de-
bility after an illness of one month
duration. The deceased was born
Sept. 26, 1827 and lived to the age of
75 years, 4 months and 29 days. She
came to this city in 1862. She is sur-
vived by her husband, four daughters
and two sons.

Funeral will be held from the resi-
dence at 2 o'clock tomorrow night.
Daniel Stevick, one of the venerable
pioneers of German township, died
at his late home, this morning, death
resulting from a cancer after a long
illness.

Deceased was the father of the late
Alfred Stevick, who died suddenly
of heart trouble a few months ago.
He was well-known and highly re-
spected throughout the county. No ar-
rangements for the funeral have yet
been made. The deceased was quite
a prominent member of the Masonic
order, and the local lodge of that
order will probably have charge of
the funeral.

LOSING

Ground in Bowling League Race.

Bantas' Defeated by the Royals and Are Dropping Away From the Lead.

The Banta Candies have been
caught on the hip, and are on the
downward glide in the bowling league
race, having lost their grip on first
position which they have held so long.
Last night they were defeated two
games by the Royals. The Railroads
and Ramblers also played two
games and broke even. Following are
the records:

Royals.	
Fox.....	168
Engle.....	178
J. Fox.....	156
Anderson.....	121
Edwards.....	149
Total.....	772

Banta Candy Factory.	
Reed.....	166
Manual.....	112
Beeler.....	117
Albrecht.....	159
Banta.....	121
Total.....	667

Ramblers.	
Hilton.....	138
Condit.....	175
Brown.....	135
Hell.....	126
Newell.....	121
Total.....	708

Railroaders.	
Burkhardt.....	179
Lawlor.....	169
Wills.....	148
Burkhardt.....	169
Hagerman.....	143
Total.....	808

NOT FOR LIMA.

EGG

Greatly Deformed Causes Talk In South Lima

Several Society Events Occurred Recently.

Pathfinders Tender Mr. and Mrs. Zeiber Ranck Fare- well Banquet.

Budget of Interesting Items Gather- ed Here and There Concerning Those You Know—Per- sonal Mention.

Have you seen the egg J. B. Ken-
nedy carries around with him? It is
a curiosity. Last Monday Mr. Ken-
nedy ordered a fresh egg for his noon-
day feed, and his grand daughter,
Thelma Whaley, went to the coup and
brought, as she said, an egg with a
worm on it. Examination showed a
deformity resembling a woman's arm
and hand, the finger of which pointed
to the east, considering how it lay in
the nest, and the arm extended from
the northwest to southeast. Last
spring a south side lady exhibited an
egg, the shell of which was cloudy and
on which appeared, very plainly, the
figures 1904. Superstitious people
said it was a sign of war. What Ken-
nedy's eggs signifies will furnish gossip
for those who believe in signs.

Are You Lucky?

About six weeks ago Sidney Lodge
of Foresters visited Court Lima, and
while here sold quite a number of
tickets on a bicycle, to be raffled off.
The drawing took place last week and
number 276 takes the wheel if re-
deemed before March 1st, or 298 will
be next in line, good till April first.

L. T. S. C. Meeting.

Tonight is the night the L. T. S. C.
meet. Their hostess will be Mrs.
Bailey, on West Elm street. This is
not a progressive pedro, but a pro-
gressive talking club, and so far their
meetings have been very enjoyable.

League Reception.

The male members of the Grace
Epworth League gave a reception and
social at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
John Sloniker, on West Kibby street,
last evening. The affair was a suc-
cess in every respect.

Surprise Party.

Quite an enjoyable birthday surprise
was carried out Tuesday evening at
the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baker,
919 South Elizabeth street, in honor of
Mrs. Charles Green, a guest of the
home. The following guests reminded
Mrs. Green that she had reached her
49th milestone in life. Mr. and Mrs.
Peter Dingleline, Mr. and Mrs. James
Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bogardus,
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Krichbaum,
Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Miss Agnes
Baker, Mrs. W. B. Baker, Mrs. J. H.
Bend and children, Margaret and
Merlin, Mrs. W. H. Workman, Misses
Bessie and Hattie Workman, Francis
Baker, Marcella Huffman, Helen, Noel
and Lucile Bogardus, and Mr. Harry
Holtzlaw.

Quite Clever.

A very neat little scheme to break
sleet and ice from the trolley wire is
to fasten a small chain around the
trolley wheel, which shatters the ice
as the bunks come in contact with it.
This does away with much delay, and
is not liable to break the wires.

Farewell Social.

Owing to the fact that Mr. and Mrs.
Zeiber Ranck will leave this city and
take up their residence at Middletown,
Ohio, the Lima Lodge of Pathfinders,
No. 121, tendered them a "farewell"
last Tuesday evening, at the close of
a regular session. The Rancks were
banqueted, toasted and heartily enter-
tained.

Heard Here and There.

Miss Anna Merrifield was taken to
the La Belle sanatorium yesterday.
She had taken ill at Toledo.
"Morris of Course" sells feed.
Mrs. Mary Tinsley, who has been
visiting her sister, Mrs. G. L. Bonn,
on West Kibby street has returned to
her home at Elkhart, Ind.

There will be an all-day meeting of
the Christian Missionary Alliance at
the Tabernacle on South Main street
tomorrow, at 10 a. m. and 2 and 7
p. m. the services will be in charge of
Mrs. D. W. Kerr, of Dayton.

"Morris of Course" sells feed.
So far there have been sixty-two
concessions at the Old-Time Methodist
church, north of the bridge on south
Main street.

James Cassidy is very ill at the
"Whitey" Sullivan home, on south
Main street.

Mrs. Ed Linderman, of Forest ave-
nue, is greatly improved. She has
been ill several weeks with rheuma-
tism.

Buy your feed of Morris.
Chas. Kiplinger, west Kibby street, is
some better.

John Whaley is ill at the home of

his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H.
Kennedy, on Second street.

Mr. Manuel Long has contracted
small pox, and with his wife is quaran-
tined at the Ragley home on Rees-
avenue.

Buy your feed of Morris.
Haymond Dobbs, of Clements, Kan-
sas, is ill at the Dobbs' home on Rees-
avenue.

Mrs. C. Brookins, of St. Johns ave-
nue, is entertaining her sister, Mrs.
Emma Michael, of St. Marys.

Claud Preble is quite ill at his home,
689 1/2 West Main street.

Minor Crossley is very ill with an
attack of stomach trouble.

"Morris of Course" sells feed.
Miss Maggie Custer has typhoid
fever, at her home on Atlantic ave-
nue.

Miss Agnes Montague, of south
West street, is convalescent from re-
cent illness.

After a short visit with her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Enos Stucky, on south
Union street, Mrs. O. H. Odell has re-
turned to Milford, Michigan.

Mrs. L. Wheeler, of east Kibby
street, has the grip.

There is a case of scarlet fever at
the Stanner home, on Atlantic avenue.

Mrs. J. E. Heffner, of south Union
street, is recovering from an attack of
pneumonia.

Miss Edna Ring is confined to her
home on south Elizabeth street, with
the grip.

Buy your feed of Morris.
Dan Cramer yesterday entertained
Mr. Reuben Shindollar, of Spencer-
ville.

This morning's fire was at the
Cramer home at the extreme west end
of Kibby street. Damage was slight.

Joshua Williams expects to resume
work at the C. H. & U. shops in a few
days. Rheumatism has kept him in-
doors all winter.

BURT, FORMER PRESIDENT OF

OIL
Product in Kansas Field
Is of a Flush
Order and Should Not Scare
Those Who Have Pinned Their Faith to Old Trenton Rock Field.
Eastern Portion of This Country Is Still Seeing Good-Oles Brought in—Allen County Oil Co. Gets Duster.

There is no reason why the Buckeye field should not display as much activity during the spring months, as was experienced a year ago, but many are inclined to size the situation up from a pessimistic standpoint. One of the reasons usually promulgated is that the Kansas field is becoming an important factor in the supply of high grade petroleum, while Kentucky is gaining strides every day. There is no disputing the fact that these two states are capable of furnishing a good share of the output, but they are not as dangerous as many are inclined to think. Of course if the supply is brought up to such a figure by these two developments, that they can make up for the deficit in other sections, principally in the old fields, there is no question but that the market would suffer a cut, and this would have much effect on operations in this and the Pennsylvania districts. At present, Kansas is good for about 9,500 barrels per day, according to the pipe line statements, and this is something like one-sixth of the output of the Trenton Rock fields. The production in Kansas at present is somewhat on the flush order, and if the truth of the matter is known, it is being taken to a great extent from the pools in Independence township, Montgomery county, while the other sections have not proved to be on the phenomenal order. A number of large wells have been completed in this pool, but whether or not they will hold up is a question. As for Kentucky, the entire production of the state for a month would not set the world on fire. The daily production is something like 1,800 barrels, and about one-fifth of this is low grade oil. As for the new development in Texas, where the oil is supposed to flow in as large streams as that bumping over the rocks at Niagara Falls, there is the same question as arose a few years ago, when every booster in the states headed for that new field. With the supply and demand and other features that have the making of a market taken into consideration, there is some hope left that the Buckeye field will be in the ring when the weather clears up.

Allen county has a few more good wells on the list, and to the eastern portion of the county is the credit due for them. In section 8, Jackson township, a couple of miles south of Beaverdam, J. A. & J. W. Glenn finished up No. 3, on the Zion's church property, and it made 65 barrels during the first 24 hours.

G. W. King also got a good one in No. 1, on the H. Heffner farm, section 7, Jackson. It made 40 barrels the first day.

A couple of miles east of Beaverdam, in section 35, Richland township, the Kildow Oil Co.'s No. 4, on the S. A. Swaney farm started off the first day with an output of 20 barrels. Between Beaverdam and Bluffton, in section 15, the Southwestern Petroleum Co. drilled in No. 4, on the Mary C. Phillips farm, and it put 15 barrels in to the tanks during the first 24 hours.

Buff Bros. & Bowers got a 20 barrel well in No. 3, on the E. T. Landess farm, section 2, Bldh township. In section 24, the Fortune Oil Co. finished up No. 3, on the S. Rumbaugh farm, and it made 15 barrels during the first 24 hours after the shot.

Near Scott's Crossing, in section 2, Marion township, the United States Petroleum Co. completed No. 2, on the T. F. Stewart farm, and it started off the first day at 25 barrels. This company has been doing considerable work in that locality of late and on a whole the results have been quite encouraging.

Near Spencerville, in section 1, Spencer township, the Pittsburg & Indiana Oil & Gas Co. got a 15 barrel well in their test on the Geo. Hager farm. Well & Bell landed a duster of the real type in No. 5, on the Becker farm, section 3, Spencer. The drill failed to connect with the aleaginous goods.

Another Duster in Wyandot.

The Allen County Oil Co. got a duster in No. 1, on the Widow Gamble farm, section 13, Salem township, Wyandot county. A few days ago, Philip Marks & Co. drilled in a very nice well on the Summit farm, in section 24, Crawford township. It started off at 75 barrels natural. It will be

remembered No. 2 started off at better than 100 barrels and has been holding up nicely. These same parties got a salt water well in No. 1, on the Geo. Kirkpatrick farm, section 35, since the drilling in of the Summit No. 2.

THE IDLER.
The republican congressional committee for this district has decided to hold its convention in Celina, March 18th, three days after the democratic convention is held in the same city. Allen county will have 37 delegates in the convention.

The government bars women stenographers from taking the examination for the Philippine service. It is not deemed wise to fill the islands up at this early stage with modern up-to-date American typewriter girls. For a time, at least, the authorities feel that the islands are not much of a place for women. However, girls are invited to take the examinations for typewriting in the United States, which occur March 21, in Indianapolis. It is announced that there is an urgent need in the government service for competent stenographers and typewriters. The fact that men are preferred is made prominent in the announcement sent out by Secretary Dwyer, of the civil service board. The entrance salary for the United States service is \$210 a year, although some appointments are made at salaries ranging from \$900 to \$1,200.

The postoffice department has begun a crusade against the printing of objectionable advertisements and stories in newspapers and periodicals throughout the country. The action is based on Section 3892 of the revised statutes, which imposes a fine of not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment for not over five years, or both, for any person depositing in the mails or aiding in circulating through the mails of any obscene print, pamphlet, etc. It is proposed to amend this law to include vulgar advertisements and other printed matter. Under the new policy a number of papers containing questionable matter have been thrown out of the mails under telegraphic orders to the postmasters, and a campaign will be waged against objectionable medical advertisements which are widely published.

In the long list of those deserving credit for the success of the Elks minstrels, the name of Col. Harry Strohm was unintentionally omitted. Col. Strohm, we are informed, is much grieved over this slight to his ability, and this notice is to do him justice for he really did take part.

Rev. G. B. Garner, of Harrison avenue, has been ill for a week with an attack of la grippe, and was unable to fill his pulpit last Sunday. He is improving and hopes to be out in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bogart, of west Market street, returned this morning from Columbus Grove, where they attended the wedding of Miss Della Jones and Mr. E. Niswander, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jones. An enjoyable time was had by those present. The happy couple will visit Chicago, on their wedding trip.

PERSONAL MENTION.
Mrs. Henry Delsel and son Henry, left this morning for Tudor Hall, Ind., to visit her daughter Eva.
John S. O'Connor is improving nicely.
Mrs. M. S. Dalzell, of west Market street, is visiting her sister in Columbus.
Mrs. A. O. Bitner, of west Market street, is visiting relatives at Bracken, Ind.

SURPRISE
Given Miss Louise Burkhardt by Friends.

A very pleasant surprise was given Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Louise Burkhardt. The evening was spent in playing games. Among the guests present were: Janette Walsh, Lena Schabel, Mary Walsh, Minnie Koch, Anna Schlosser, Lizzie Scully, Margaret Koch, Lillie Braun, Emma Weiler, Katherine Hoegner, Freda Braun, and Mary Burkhardt. A two course luncheon was served, after which all departed to their homes, wishing her many happy birthday anniversaries.

MACCABEES
Of the District Holding a Convention Here.

Quite a number of Sir Knights representing the local district of the order, met in convention in the Eagle hall, this afternoon to elect delegates to represent the district in the next great camp or state meeting. A session will also be held this evening.

QUEER
Fads in the Lives of All
The Great Men
Whose Names are Marked Famous.

Goethe Despised Dogs But Kept a Tame Snake for His Delectation.
Clarke, Great Logician Would Leap Over Chairs and Table—Gray Always Wanted to Be on Sofa Reading.

Study the private lives of all truly great men, both present and past. It is not difficult to determine that all of them, to a greater or less degree, furnished material for the "odd and eccentric" kind, says the Kansas City Star. Cardinal Richelieu found pleasure and amusement in jumping and leaping with boys. Oliver Cromwell sometimes cast aside his puritan gravity and played at blindman's buff with his daughters and attendants. Henri Quatre delighted to go about in disguise with the peasantry. Cowper occupied a great deal of his time in making bird cages and in feeding and caring for his inmates.

Dr. Johnson was so fond of his cats that he would even go out himself to buy oysters for them, his servants being too proud to do so. Goethe despised dogs, but he kept a tame snake. Gray expressed the wish to be always on a sofa reading new novels, and Fenton, the eminent scholar, died from sheer inactivity; he rose late, and when he had risen, sat down to his books and papers. A woman who waited upon him in his lodgings said he would lie a-bed and be fed with a spoon. Contrary to this was the example of Sir Walter Scott, who wrote all his finest works before breakfast.

Delighted in Spiders.
Spinoza delighted to get spiders fighting and would laugh immoderately at beholding their insect warfare; and Anthony Magliabecchi, the famous librarian to the Duke of Tuscany, took a great interest in the spiders which thronged his apartments, and while sitting upon his mountains of books would caution visitors "not to hurt my spiders."

When he felt that he needed a little activity the great logician, Samuel Clarke, would leap over tables and chairs, and it was not infrequently that the upholsterer had to be called in to repair damages. The learned Petavius would twist his chair round for five minutes at the end of every two hours, finding recreation in this. Tycho Brahe diverted himself with polishing glasses for spectacles. Ex-President Cleveland would quit talking politics any time to go fishing, and so it was with Paley, the author of "Natural Theology," who was so much given to angling that he had his portrait painted with rod and line in hand. Louis XVI, of sad memory, amused himself locksmithing, while Salvator Rosa performed in extemporaneous comedies, taking the character of a mountebank in the streets of Rome.

Charles II's most innocent amusement consisted in feeding the ducks in St. James Park, and in rearing numbers of those beautiful spaniels which still bear his name. It was difficult for Beethoven to be free from a cold from the fact that he delighted in splashing in cold water at all times of the day, swamping his chamber until the water oozed through the floor; and to the rooms beneath. He would also walk out in the dewy fields without stockings or shoes. Shelley could spend an entire day floating little paper boats on any water he chanced to be near.

and Sir Thomas Aquinas suffered greatly in thunderstorms. Queen Elizabeth, Talpatri and others could not bear to have the word "death" uttered in their presence. Marshal Saxe, who overthrew armies, died at sight of a cat.

BOMBARDMENT OF PORT ARTHUR.
(Continued from page 1.)
AXESE FLEET 25 MILES OFF DALNY.
FRENCH
And British Officials Keeping in Close Touch.

London, Feb. 25.—Premier Balfour had sufficiently recovered his health to come from Brighton to this city today to preside at a cabinet meeting at noon. Prior to the meeting the French ambassador, M. Cambon, called at the foreign office and had an hour's talk with Foreign Secretary Lansdowne. The ambassador returned from Paris yesterday evening, and in which apart from an exchange of views in regard to the most recent developments of the war the two cabinets are keeping in close touch with each other. Such questions as Egypt, Morocco, Newfoundland, etc., have been fully discussed by the two governments for some months, and the differences are being gradually eliminated, until principally nothing remains to prevent an early signature of a treaty removing all outstanding obstacles to a complete accord between the two powers.

Delayed in Transmission.
Tokio, Tuesday, Feb. 25.—Delayed in Transmission—Admiral Togo had been in motion, but the nature of the operation about to be undertaken had not been disclosed to the navy department. The latter admits anticipating information, but says it does not expect to receive any before Wednesday. It is thought here that Admiral Togo first attacked with his torpedo boats and then shelled Port Arthur. The Japanese, however, are confident that the place is vulnerable at three points on the sea side, and in proof of their opinion the explosion of a number of shells in the town on the occasion of recent night fight. The Japanese once possessed Port Arthur, and they have the most complete information in regard to distances and ranges. A bombardment of the place should prove highly destructive, as it is narrow and cramped. A few shells thrown over the hills into the basin holding the bay, and town could not fail to do serious execution. The Japanese shells are charged with a high explosive, and are very effective, and it is believed possibly to render the harbor untenable for Russian warships by bombardment and force them to put to sea.

TREATY
Of Japan With Korea Is Believed to Be Untenable.

Paris, Feb. 25.—It is the belief in the highest official quarters that the powers will support the Russian view of the invalidity of the Japanese treaty with Korea, so far as it creates a Japanese protectorate over Korea, owing to the emperor being under duress. But, it is said that no immediate action on the part of the powers is required, as the question of the recognition of the protectorate will definitely arise when the terms of peace are considered. In the meantime official opinion here is strongly sympathetic with Russia's position, and it is considered that Russia's note to the powers protesting against Japanese violation of Korean neutrality fully protects international rights, as the protest antedates the official announcement of the conclusion of the treaty. The foreign office considers the announcement confirmatory of the view that Russia's protest to the powers was designed to preserve all her ports and to prevent international acceptance of the treaty establishing a protectorate.

A Nice Question.
London, Feb. 25.—Asked in the house of commons today, by what authority it was proposed to detain at Ceylon, the 225 Russian sailors rescued after the fight off Chemulpo, Premier Balfour said the sailors had sought refuge on a British warship. Under the circumstances, and until other arrangements had been agreed upon, the government thought it would best be fulfilling the obligations of neutrality by incerning the men on British territory until the close of the war. The Japanese government, however, had now intimated that the sailors should return to Russia on giving their parole not to participate further in the war. The British government was now in correspondence with Russia, with the view of settling the question on this basis.

Cut Wires.
Seoul, Feb. 25.—Russian Vignettes advancing south of Anju have cut the telegraph wires between Anju and Ping Yang.

Bodily Damaged.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—The battleships Retvizan and Caesarevitch will be temporarily employed at Port Arthur as guardships. It has been found that the necessary repair to these ships can only be fully made in the dock at Vladivostok, so the vessels will be temporarily repaired and remain at Port Arthur until circumstances will permit of their being sent to Vladivostok.

Carried Away Russia's Friend.
Seoul, Feb. 25.—Yi-Yong-ik, who was formerly minister of war and principally the dictator of Korea, and considered a friend of Russia, was taken by the Japanese when they entered Chemulpo, and on the same night, put on board of a warship which took him to Japan. He went on board in court dress.

IRON
Market for the Past Week
Looks Better.

Steel Companies Have Made
Additions to Their Orders in Some Cases Exceeding Mill Shipments.
Two Railroad Lines Make Inquiry for One Hundred and Twenty-five Thousand Tons of Rails—Shapes in Demand.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 25.—In its review of the iron market this week, the Iron Trade Review says: The large steel companies have made some good additions to their order books in the past week, and in some cases new business has exceeded mill shipments. Railroad buying is undoubtedly better. The purchases of rails announced two weeks ago, were followed by contracts for track material, and there has been a fair run of orders for new cars. This week there are inquiries from two lines for 125,000 tons of rails, and contracts are expected to be made at an early day. Definite developments in structural lines are still lacking, though Chicago reports projects are assure that will require 20,000 tons of shapes, and at New York, the initial steps have been taken in construction that will call for a similar amount. One railroad inquiry for bridge work the past week represents 6,000 tons.

The bar trade has been one of the most satisfactory features of the situation. For the most part bar iron is sold at \$1 to \$2 below the price of steel. The steel sheet trade has been marked by irregularity, and 2,200 Pittsburg for No. 27 is no maintained. The record of the pig iron market is still one of low prices and limited tonnage. The Dessemer Pig Iron Association held a meeting in Cleveland in the past week and canvassed the situation, which has little of immediate promise. Central western furnaces have made sales ranging from \$12 to \$12.25 at furnace for No. 2, and \$12 has been shaded in the sharp scramble for more desirable business. The Lake Superior ore situation presents no new developments. Another meeting of producers and selling firms will be held in Cleveland, on February 29, but there is only a remote possibility of an agreement for 1904.

PHYSICIAN
Called to Prescribe for Demented Man.

The demented stranger giving the name of Meriz, who was locked up for safe keeping by officer Frank Grant, night before last, is still a prisoner at the police station. He became ill this morning, and a physician was called to prescribe for him. The man's condition is not considered serious.

CARD OF THANKS.
We wish to tender our sincere thanks to our friends who assisted us during our recent sad bereavement, the death of our dear husband and father, Mr. Karl Ruh. We also wish to thank the friends for the beautiful floral offerings.

MRS. RUH AND DAUGHTER.
CUTTERS STRIKE.
Minneapolis, Feb. 25.—Garment cutters in local clothing factories are on a strike. Three hundred girls left their posts because some of them were asked to accept a 25% reduction in their wages.

R. T. GREGG & CO. R. T. GREGG & CO.

CHOICE NEW MUSLIN UNDERWEAR.
Latest Products of the Season.

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Corset Covers
Lace or embroidery trimmed, at 25c, 35c, 39c 50c, 75c, 85c and \$1.00.
Ladies' Drawers,
Beautifully trimmed at 25c, 35c, 39c, 50c, 85c, 90c and 95c. Extra good.
Ladies' Skirts
With tucks, lace and embroidery trimmed, at 75c, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.50. Better ones in proportion.
Ladies' Gowns
In endless variety at 45c, 50c, 69c, 75c, 85c, 89c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50. A choice collection to select from.
A fine line of Misses' Gowns, special at 50c.
All better grades in Ladies' Muslin Underwear at lowest prices.

ATTEND OUR GREAT Embroidery Sale
Friday Morning.
They go on sale Friday Morning for only **10c Per Yard.**

Many are worth double and triple our sale price. 6,000 yards to be sold and there will be many buyers. Be one among the number.

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IN JUSTICE'S REALM.

PLAINTIFF

Wins in Case of W. P. Bloom vs. C. H. & D.

The Jury's Verdict Being Instructed by Court.

Judge Cunningham Held That the Company Had no Right to Remove the Disputed Car.

The case of Walter P. Bloom vs. the C. H. & D. railroad was closed today when Judge Cunningham instructed the jury to return a verdict for the plaintiff which read as follows: We do not find that at the commencement of this action the plaintiff was entitled to the immediate possession of the property replevied herein. The verdict did not carry any damages with it, but the contention was not for money, being brought to establish the right of possession of the car in dispute, at the time it was removed from the plaintiff's lumber yards.

Two cars of shingles were detained on the track leading to Mr. Bloom's yards on the 1st of May, 1900, but not until the following Monday, May 1, were the cars placed in position for unloading. On the morning of the 4th, one of the cars was unloaded, and men were engaged on the second, when an agent of the car service bureau called upon Mr. Bloom, and presented him with a bill for \$1, claiming that the car had been in his possession a day beyond the limit of 48 hours. Mr. Bloom refused to pay, and the car was taken away, with half the shingles in it, by a C. H. & D. engine.

An action in replevin was brought and the car returned to Mr. Bloom on the 15th, together with a claim for \$15 demurrage charges. The question of the right of the C. H. & D. to remove the car, under the conditions which prevailed, and the legality of the charge of \$15 made by the Car Service Bureau, were settled in the verdict which the jury was instructed to return at 1:15 o'clock this afternoon.

The case was not argued, but at the close of the introduction of evidence, the defense asked that the jury be instructed to return a verdict in favor of the C. H. & D. The court, however, replied, that upon their own acknowledgments, the plaintiff was entitled to recover possession of the car and the jury was so instructed. Whether the question is deemed of sufficient importance to warrant an appeal, remains to be seen. Attorney T. R. Hamilton looked after Mr. Bloom's interests.

BRILLIANT

Success Achieved by Members of Discard Club.

Leap Year Dance at Armory Last Night Was One of the Most Enjoyable of the Season.

The leap year dance held at the Armory last night by the members of the Discard club and a party of invited friends was one of the most successful social events of the season. About seventy-five couples responded to the invitations that were issued and the program of 20 popular dances was enjoyed by all. A large frappe bowl occupied a conspicuous corner of the ball room and from it the dancers were served with refreshing drinks. "Home Sweet Home" was not played until after midnight.

EXPLOSION

Louis Sudowitz Adjudged to Be Insane

And Will Be Sent to Toledo Hospital for Treatment—Patient Is a Native of Russia.

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Louis Sudowitz, of 227 north Union street, a mattress maker, was taken into custody, yesterday evening and held for an inquest as to his sanity. The family stated that he had been subject to frequent attacks of a mild nature, for a number of years, the first occurring when he was 15 years of age.

His system is a bundle of sensitive nerves, and the slightest fear of shock affects him. When the recent nitroglycerine explosion occurred, he was thrown into a spasm and from that day, there has been a growing tendency to violence.

The medical certificate states that he is 45 years of age, unmarried, and was born in Russia, his parents being Russian Jews. Probate Judge Miller pronounced him insane and application will be made for his admission to the Toledo hospital for treatment.

Foreclosure Suit.
W. T. Agertter has begun an action in foreclosure against Dr. U. S. Beam, the property involved being lot 5357 Park addition. The plaintiff holds two notes which are over due amounting to \$186.66, which were secured by a mortgage in the lot mentioned.

Fifteen Registered.
With the three new inmates added to the jail last yesterday, including Harry Franklin, Ira Armstrong and Louis Sudowitz, the insane patient, Sheriff Barr has fifteen boarders, several of whom are serving sentence and the others awaiting trial. Within the past week, four have been taken to the penitentiary and work house.

CONROY

Paid Extreme Penalty for Murder.

The Attorneys Made a Hard Fight for Him.

Condemned Man Was Found Guilty of Taking Life of His Wife, But to End Maintained His Innocence.

Pittsburg, Feb. 23.—John Conroy, convicted of killing his wife while she was asleep in their home in this city, on December 2, 1900, was hanged in the county jail today.

He was very weak and had to be supported to the scaffold. Death resulted in eight minutes from strangulation. At the trial Conroy claimed that while he was kneeling at the bedside saying his prayers he saw his wife pointing a revolver at his head. He claimed that he turned the revolver aside, and it was discharged, the bullet entering his wife's head and inflicting a fatal wound. Conroy's attorneys made a hard fight and the case was carried to the supreme court, where the lower court was affirmed. Conroy maintain his innocence to the last.

A man doesn't sing into a phonograph for the purpose of trying to break the record.

DESERTER

Of His Wife and Minor Children

Is Located and Brought Back to Answer.

Harry Leroy Franklin Arrested at Alexandria, Ind., by Deputy Sheriff Freet Is Now in Jail.

Deputy Sheriff Freet, armed with requisition papers, made a trip to Alexandria, Ind., yesterday, and returned early this morning with Harry Leroy Franklin, who is under indictment for abandonment of his minor children. When found he was conducting a shoe shining and clothes pressing shop, having located in Alexandria, where he has a brother living.

He was loath to return to Lima, particularly in charge of an officer, and declared that it was his intention to send for his wife next week. This conclusion was reached after an absence of several months, during which he kept his whereabouts concealed.

Franklin married Miss Flora Gazelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gazelle, of east Eureka street, and they have two children, one two years of age, and the other an infant born two weeks ago, which the father has not seen.

He has asked to have his wife come to the jail to see him, and expects to arrange to give bond in order to secure his liberty, at least temporarily.

Arrested at Kenton.
Ira Armstrong was arrested by constable Miller, at Kenton, yesterday, and brought to Lima to answer to a paternity charge preferred by his cousin, Laura Armstrong. He was given a hearing before Justice Reilly, and was bound over to common pleas court in the sum of \$300. He was unable to give bond, and is now in jail.

Takes His Medicine.
Harry B. Kratzer, who deserted his wife and left her with a child to support, joined the work house prisoners this morning, where he will spend 30 days. The punishment doesn't relieve him of future family duties and if he doesn't make good, his second dose will be more severe.

Wooley Goes Up.
Wm. Wooley was taken to the work house this morning to serve a period of 30 days and work out a fine of \$100 and costs which will add an extra six months to his term. Wooley will not make any raids on Pennsylvania coal cars in the meantime.

Jury Dismissed.
The petit jury was dismissed again today, there being no case on the assignment list for trial tomorrow, the one scheduled being settled out of court.

MARKETS.

New York, Feb. 23.—The opening stock market ignored the depression still existing in foreign markets this morning and advanced a fraction all around. Consolidated Gas rose 1 1/2, and the fractional gains in B. R. T. and St. Paul were in excess of the average.

Live Stock.
Chicago, Feb. 23.—Cattle, receipts 6,000; market slow; good to prime steers 4.90@5.75; stockers and feeders 2.50@4.10; cows 1.75@4.25; heifers 2.42@3.00; canners 1.75@2.50; bulls 2.64; calves 3.50@7.
Hogs, receipts today 36,000; tomorrow 25,000; market strong to 5 cents higher; mixed and butchers 5.20@5.60; good to choice heavy 5.60@5.70; rough heavy 5.25@5.55; light 4.80@5.35; bulk of sales 5.30@5.60.
Sheep, receipts 15,000; market steady; good to choice wethers 1.25@1.45; fan to choice mixed 1.35@1.57; western sheep 1.25@1.45; native lambs 1.50@1.75.

Cleveland Produce.
Cleveland, O., Feb. 23.—Eggs 24 to 26. Live chickens 15 to 14. Turkeys 14 to 18. Cows quotations on grade out, as they are no longer wanted. No other changes in the produce market today.

Toledo Grain.
Toledo, Feb. 23.—Wheat, cash 1.09 1/2 May 1.07; July 1.01.
Corn, cash 1.14; July 52 1/2; July 51 1/8.
Oats, cash 1.07 1/2; May 48; July 52 1/2.
Clover seed, Feb. 6.97 1/2; Mar. 7.00, April 6.82 1/2.

Grain and Provisions.
Chicago, Feb. 23.—Wheat, May 1.07 1/2; July 1.08 1/8 old 99; Sept. 92 1/2, old 93 1/4.
Corn, May 56 1/8; July 55 1/4; Sept. 54 1/2.
Oats, Sept. 26 1/2.
Pork, May 16.71 1/2; July 16.65.
Lard, May 8.12 1/2; July 8.20.
Ribs, May 8.02 1/2 and 8.05; July 8.15.

Passenger Engineer J. H. Moore, of the C. H. & D., has taken a thirty days' leave of absence to take a trip to Florida. Engineer Carey S. Dunn is in charge of his run.

DISTRICT

Meeting Is to Be Held at Bluffton

And a Program Has Been Arranged of Interest to All Odd Fellows.

The twenty-eighth district convention of Odd Fellows will be held at Bluffton Monday evening of next week, and members of the various lodges have been assigned subjects of especial interest to those who are associated with the order. The program, which is as follows, will begin at 7 o'clock:

Address of Welcome—W. A. Triplett, Bluffton Lodge No. 371.
Unwritten work, initiatory degree—Emmet Mumaugh, Allen Lodge No. 322.

Unwritten work of 1st degree—C. B. Kaufman, Bluffton Lodge No. 371.
Address, initiatory and 1st degree—B. F. Welty, Lima Lodge No. 581.

Unwritten work 2nd degree—B. F. Klinger, Jackson Lodge No. 546.
Unwritten work 3rd degree—F. W. Zeltz, Beaverdam Lodge No. 689.

Address, 2nd and 3rd degrees—E. C. Akerman, Elida Lodge No. 518.
Address, Oddfellowship—Dr. M. S. Bowser, Solar Lodge No. 785.

Officers:—President, C. A. Graham. Jackson Lodge No. 840; secretary, S. S. Sherrick, Elida Lodge No. 518; treasurer, E. H. Carr, Deep Cut Lodge No. 311.

Vice Presidents:—Walter Wetherill, Solar Lodge No. 783; William Roush, Deep Cut Lodge No. 311; S. O. Morris, Elida Lodge No. 518; Jasper Everett, West Cairo Lodge No. 557; J. J. Conrad, Beaverdam Lodge No. 689; S. P. Herr, Bluffton Lodge No. 371; Ed. Hohl, Lima Lodge No. 581; G. W. Furlong, Allen Lodge No. 223; Genry Ferrell, Okonox Lodge No. 201; Guy S. Hall, Jackson Lodge No. 846.

STOVE

Was Reduced to Fragments by an Explosion.

Two Women Have a Narrow Escape and the Police Have a Mysterious Case to Solve.

Last evening, a widowed woman named House, who occupies apartments in the Commercial block, returned to her rooms, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Boggs, after an absence of about two weeks, and had just started a fire with wood kindling and soft coal in a small heating stove when an explosion of something in the stove occurred. The force of the explosion shook the building and tore the stove to pieces and the two women only escaped by reason of being out of the room at the time it occurred.

The police are investigating the case but have been unable to ascertain the cause of the explosion. It is possible that a small stick of dynamite had been carried with the coal from the mines and there is also a suspicion of foul play on the part of some one.

NOTICE

Radium Lecture Will Be Held March 3, at Faurot's.

A few persons did not receive their tickets at the opera house Tuesday night. If they will kindly present their coupon at once at Stolzenbach & Co.'s store, tickets will be provided them.

Holders of tickets can secure reserved seats by presenting their tickets at the box office in the Opera House, on Wednesday, March 2nd, beginning at 9 a. m.

The opera house management have insisted on this arrangement to avoid confusion in seating the audience.

MEETING

Of State S. S. Association to Be Held Here.

The next meeting of the State Sunday School Association will be held in this city during next June, in response to an invitation extended by the Sunday schools of the city. Committees will soon begin the work of making arrangements for the meeting and an effort will be made to make it one of the most successful in its history.

FIVE DAYS

In the County Jail and a Fine of Four-Sixty.

William Gallagher, who was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of having been connected with the robbery of Phil Minnich's cash register, was arraigned in mayor's court this morning on a charge of drunkenness. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$4.60 and sentenced to five days imprisonment. No affidavit was filed in the robbery case.

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SPECIAL SALE OF NEW WALKING SKIRTS.

We have been fortunate in getting the pick of four lines of sample skirts from a prominent manufacturer, thus giving us an assortment of sizes and lengths; all new cloths, all new styles, from one of the most exclusive skirt makers in the east. Not a skirt in the lot that is not worth from one-third to one-half more than our price at this sale. We have just three lots of them.

LOT NO. 1.

Is composed of misses' skirts, sizes from 30 inches to 37 inches long, varied line of styles and colors; the poorest skirt in the lot is worth more than we ask for it, and some are worth twice as much. Your choice for

\$2.69.

LOT NO. 2.

Ladies' Walking Skirts; less than 75 skirts in the lot; all new, clean stock, up-to-date in style, thoroughly tailored, some fancy colors in stripes, checks and mix-

tures, some plain colors, navy and black, not a skirt worth less than \$6.00, some would sell at \$7.50. Your choice for

\$5.00.

LOT NO. 3.

Ladies Walking Skirts in solid colors, black and blue only; too varied for an adequate description, but any one good value at a third more price. Lengths well assorted, medium bands from 23 to 27 inch; cloths are cheviot, venetian and broadcloth. Your choice for

\$7.50.

Special orders for any Skirt in the lot can be had at an advanced price.

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Dry Goods, Suit House.

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RETURNED

From Sanatorium and Kept Promise of Marriage.

Walter Keuthan Who Failed in an Attempt at Suicide Is Now in Double Harness.

Walter Keuthan, the back driver who, because of an entanglement of love affairs, attempted to end his life by way of the carbonic acid route about three weeks ago, was married last Sunday, his bride being Miss Lillian Martin, of 381 south Pine street.

Young Keuthan thought that when carbonic acid failed to break his marriage engagement the gallant thing for him to do was to keep the promise and after leaving the sanatorium he returned to his betrothed and the contract was fulfilled. The marriage ceremony was performed and the bride and groom are happy.

LECTURE

Will Be Delivered Next Thursday.

Prof. Patty Will Return on That Date. Should Have a Big House.

Prof. Patty, who was prevented from delivering his lecture on radium wireless telegraphy and liquid air, last Tuesday, because of his trunk misarranging, will return Thursday evening of next week, the opera house being secured for that date.

Those who were disappointed before, will be assured of a treat on this occasion as Prof. Patty will make an extra effort to convince his audience that he had astonishing revelations in store for them.

WEDDING

Of Mr. Harley Alexander and Miss Jessie Long.

At the residence of Rev. A. E. Davis 603 east Elm street, on Tuesday, Mr. Harley Alexander and Miss Jessie Long, were united in marriage.

Alexander is a young man of good family residing near Allentown, and is now engaged in the restaurant business on east High street, this city.

NOTICE, I. O. O. F.

All members of Lima Encampment No. 62 are requested to be present this evening at 7 o'clock prompt. Work in Patriarchal Degree. Visitors cordially invited.

CIRCUIT

Race Meeting Promises Big Results.

Officers Will Soon Meet to Make Arrangements for Opening at Kenton.

Inquiries, says the Kenton Republican, are fast pouring in upon the Kenton Driving club, for various privileges, rates, etc., at their race meet which is to be held here the last of June and first of July.

Every indication points to the races being a great success. Members of the Kenton Club are elated at the prospect and look forward to seeing thus the greatest race meeting Kenton ever had.

A meeting of the officers of the C. H. & D. circuit and a committee from each city embraced, will be held in this city in a few weeks to make definite arrangements for the opening here, and arranging its classes.

It looks as though there would be a larger string of races here at this meet than at any race ever held in the city.

THE BIG BANKRUPT SALE OF HEINIGERS BARGAIN STORE, 210 SOUTH MAIN STREET, WILL OPEN SATURDAY MORNING AT 10 A. M. SHARP.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Mary A. Peters, residing one mile north of Ash Grove school house, died Friday evening Feb. 19th. She was born in Sarony, Germany, July 28th, 1827. She came with her parents to America in 1834 and where they settled upon the farm where she died, aged 73 years, 5 months and 21 days. She was the last of ten children, seven sisters and three brothers. She was the mother of three children, one son and two daughters, one daughter preceding her to the spirit world. She leaves one granddaughter to mourn her death. She was highly esteemed by all who knew her.

She was catechized and confirmed by Rev. Dorer, in 1843, and remained a faithful and consistent member of the Evangelical Lutheran church until her death. The funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 22nd, and were largely attended. Through the kindness of the German Baptist, the services were held in their church at Ash Grove. The sermon was preached by her pastor, Rev. J. H. Hinton, from the text Matthew 17: "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and he knoweth them that trust in him."

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The Only Continuous High Class Vaudeville Theatre in the City.
New Faces—New Acts—New Novelties.
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No long or tedious waits. The continual round of pleasure.
ADMISSION—Lower Floor Free; Balcony 10c. Box 25c.
Performance Commences 8:15. Regular Free Matinee Saturday, 2 p. m.

KENTON

Has Fixed Return Game for Lima.

According to the Kenton News Republican, the Lima High school team will play a return game with the team in that city Thursday of next week and the same evening the Kenton high school will play Delaware. The Kenton high school squad has been reorganized and the two games promise to be an interesting double header.

Friday's Prices

On Ladies', Misses' and Children's Coats remaining unsold this evening will be 10 PER CENT LESS than today's prices were.

Your Choice of any Ladies' Coat tomorrow

\$4.49.

Worth \$15.00 and \$18.00

Your Choice of any Misses' Coat tomorrow

\$3.59.

Worth up to \$10.00.

Your Choice of any Child's Coat (ages 6 to 8) tomorrow

\$1.79.

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